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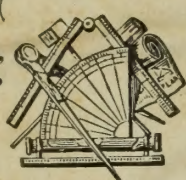
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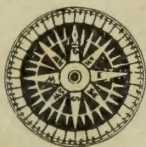
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13th May G. S. Tucker  
Aug 9/63 Lat 28.30 S  
Long 39.36 W Outward bound



Captain Turner, of the *Braganza*, has kindly favored us with a peep at his log, and with his permission, we gladly make the following extract from it, hoping that it may prove interesting to some of our readers, and perhaps induce other masters of whaleships to try their luck there, or in the vicinity, on the next "between seasons."

Bark *Braganza*, sailed from Honolulu Dec 26th, 1861, for a cruise to the Line and Westward; sighted and took first sperm whale Jan 6th, lat  $1^{\circ} 39' S$ , long  $160^{\circ} 30' W$ ; not seeing any further chance of getting oil in that vicinity, squared away for Bouka Island, the westernmost of the Solomon Group, situated in lat  $5^{\circ} 50' S$ , and long  $155^{\circ} 00' E$ ; after touching at Hope, Ocean, and Pleasant Islands, of the King's Mill Group, to obtain supplies, with but poor success, arrived in sight of the high mountains of Bougainville and Bouka Islands, Feb 5th, and on the 6th were close in with the land, and saw sperm whales; succeeded in getting two; while the boats were fast, the natives began to approach the vessel in canoes; at first appearing timid, not coming within 300 or 400 yards, until beckoned to come alongside; coconuts, bananas and kalo are all they have, including bows and arrows, which they will readily sell for small pieces of iron hoop; they were off every day when the ship was close enough to land—sometimes as many as 200 or 300, in large war canoes, carrying as many as 25 or 30 men in each canoe; while cutting in whales they would load their canoes with the carcasses, preparatory to a general feast; they always expressed much pleasure, by laughing and singing, when we killed a shark for them by way of variety; the natives are as black as Guinea negroes, but much finer looking—not having the thick lips and flat noses which characterises that race; the men go entirely naked, and having their woolly heads one half painted a bright red, and a white ring of paint around their eyes, they are certainly the most treacherous looking set ever witnessed; of course we never permitted more than 5 or 6 to come on board at a time, and as they never have any knives with them, there is nothing to fear; the females wear the malo, made of grass, but are never permitted to come off to the ship or accompany the men in the canoes, therefore, I presume, they are tabooed; to guard against danger from the natives, it would not be prudent nor safe to admit many on board, whilst the boats are away from a ship, as I have not a doubt but if they could get the advantage of a ship's company they would do it, and destroy all hands, for it was within 60 miles of here, at Treasury Island where they cut off the *Superior* and massacred her crew in 1850. We found the weather very fine, in fact too good, as it was difficult to get wind enough to cruise about with; the prevailing winds were from the NW, and we never experienced any of those hard gales and tremendous squalls which exaggerated accounts of, have prevented many ships from cruising in and about the Solomon Group; whales were seen quite plenty in February, and we were very successful in taking them; all school whales and but one large one seen by us whilst cruising; ships can approach very near the land, as no dangers exist but what can be seen from the mast-head; and as the whales keep frequently close along, within a quarter mile of the shore, it is necessary to keep well in to get sight of them; we cruised as long as it was prudent, without losing the Arctic season, and left April 16th, 1862, with 600 bbls sperm; steering to the northward, we passed the parallel of the Caroline Islands, April 29, passing Mortlock Island to the eastward, and in sight; and in approaching Borda-laire Island, or Reef (more properly), which is very dangerous, ships should have a good lookout, and not pass it in the night, unless their observations are correct, as it is an extensive reef of about 40 miles in circumference, and but recently there has been two merchantmen lost on it—one a German, the other an English vessel—and their crews, after suffering incredible hardship from the natives, were finally rescued by an English steamer sent in search of them; we touched at Guam May 9th; recruited and sailed again the 12th; the 14th passed over a shoal; the first officer took a boat and sounded over it; shoalest water  $5\frac{1}{2}$  and 6 fathoms; shoal extends NW and SE, about one mile long, lat  $15^{\circ} 36' N$ , long  $143^{\circ} 40' E$ ; touched at Bonin Island May 27th, and sailed the same day; found the Japanese colonizing and taking possession of Peel's Island, at Port Loyal, reasons assigned—having discovered them some 300 years ago; they had commenced putting up buildings, and were also engaged in fitting up a vessel for carrying on the whaling business, offering high monthly wages to induce men to leave ships; arrived in Bhering Straits July 1st; took first sawhead July 2d, off St. Lawrence Bay; passed East Cape, and took 1200 bbls up to 1st August; on the 14th August, commenced to blow hard, and kept blowing a continual gale till the 26th; finally got blown through Bhering Straits the 27th; ship commenced leaking during the gale, and has continued so ever since, between 4,000 and 5,000 strokes in 24 hours; took one whale in August and one in September, off St. Matthew's Island; passed Fox Island Sep 3d, after which had pleasant weather until arrived in Honolulu, Sep



Trustran Dacunha

Nov 18. 1856 Lat 36 45.1 Lg 15 49 Saw several W  
 Nov 19 Lat 36 57. Lg 14 30 Saw several  
 Nov 20 Lat 37. 06 Lg 13 10 Saw several

New Zealand

Jan 12 Lat 46 15 Lg 159. 15 Saw several  
 Jan 13 Lat 46 20 Lg 159 20 Saw several  
 Jan 14 Lat 46 18. Lg 159 25 Saw one  
 Jan 15 Lat 46 35. Lg 159 35 Saw plenty  
 Jan 16 Lat 46 50 Lg 159 50 Saw several







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New Bedford to the North Pacific  
on board of the U.S. Schooner  
Isabella - Master - 1863

Monday July 20<sup>th</sup> Took our anchor at 9 AM  
with light airs from SE & some fog & worked  
out of the bay by ends with light airs  
& pleasant

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Sea calm  
6 P.M. Discharged our pilot off  
Cutter Hunt, light airs from SE & some fog  
middle part calm 8 AM cleared up  
Kosman's land bearing SE 10 miles distant  
by ends with light airs from SE & heavy weather

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Came in with fresh breezes  
from S & veering to SE 2 P.M. fresh breezes  
took in Royals & came on heavy with  
some rain furled the light sails & B reefed  
the topsails

Middle part blew heavy from NW  
running SE by compass high sea  
later part calm Lat 40.24 Long 68.16  
the Great Eastern passed within hail  
of us saw two other steamers

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Came in with calm  
& pleasant weather middle  
& latter part the same  
Lat 40.14 Long 69.08



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V.B. Mercury S.S. Looker - North

Friday July 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Comes in with calm weather  
 1 P.M. lowered our boats for  
 Blackfish but without success  
 middle & latter part fish began  
 from E N E & N E  
 Lat 38 55 Long 67.47

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Comes in with  
 fish from N N E heading E N E &  
 E by S for comp.  
 middle & latter part calm 12 M  
 light air from N E  
 Lat 37.54 Long 64.42

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Comes in with  
 light air from N E steering  
 E by S for comp.  
 Middle & latter part calm  
 12 M light air from S &  
 peering clouds  
 Lat 37.40 Long 62.41

Monday July 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Comes in with light  
 breeze from S S W & pleasant  
 course E by S for comp.  
 Middle & latter part - just  
 color & pleasant  
 Lat 37.28 Long 59.55  
 Sent up. horns & set - Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

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Tuesday July 28<sup>th</sup>

Begins with fresh breeze from  
SW Ship under all sail steering  
E by S per compass middle & latter part  
light air & pleasant two sails insight  
Lat 37.25 Long 57.48

Wednesday July 29<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light air from  
SW with some clouds  
steering S E by E 1/2 E per compass  
employed setting up rigging  
middle & latter part light air  
& calm Lat 37.18 Long 56.46

Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup>

Begins with calm & pleasant  
weather 4 P.M. light air from  
SW Course S E by E 1/2 E per compass  
middle & latter part calm  
& observation

Friday July 31<sup>st</sup>

Begins with calm weather  
2 P.M. lowered our boats & towed  
a spar along side caught several  
dolphin middle & latter  
part light air from E & E  
heading S E & S E by S per compass  
Lat 36.38 Long 55.21

Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup>

Begins with light air from E & E  
steering by the wind heading S E per compass  
middle & latter part light breeze  
from E & E S E 8 A.M. looked ship to  
the NE Lat 36.64 Long 54.56



Barb Mercury

Sunday Aug 2<sup>th</sup> 1863  
Comes in with light air  
from E & SE heading NE for camp  
middle & latter part light air  
from SW & calm Set 36.15 To 4  
Lat 54.08

Monday Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Comes in with light air  
from SW course E & SE for camp  
middle & latter part fresh  
gales with passing clouds  
Set 36.06 Long 52.12

Tuesday Aug 4 comes in  
with fresh gales from SW course  
E & SE for camp middle part  
Heavy breeze 6 Am heavy Squalls  
of wind & rain fresh the light  
Sails wind from W & W course  
SE & SE by E No Obs  
Day ends with heavy squalls

Wednesday Aug 5<sup>th</sup>  
Comes in with big thick rainy  
weather & heavy squalls Spent the  
day. Heavy Rain & Thunder  
Middle part wind more  
steady latter part fresh breeze  
from W & light squalls of  
thunder & Rain Set 34.06 To 46.51



## Outward bound

Thursday August 6th

Comes in with strong breeze from north  
with frequent squalls Course S.E. 1/4 E  
1/2 S 1/2 E middle & latter part fresh  
breeze from N.W. with passing clouds  
Lat 32.46 Long 44.00

Friday Aug 7th comes in with  
breeze from N & passing clouds  
course S.E. 1/4 S 1/2 E middle & latter part  
the cutting squalls

Middle & latter part light  
breeze from N.W. Lat 32.52 Long 44.50

Saturday Aug 8th comes in  
with light breeze from N.W.  
with passing clouds Course S.E. 1/4 S  
1/2 E middle & latter part  
light air from E.N.E. & pleasant  
Lat 33.20 Long 45.50

Sunday Aug 9th  
comes in with light breeze  
from E heading S.E. 1/4 S 1/2 E  
Exchange signals with  
English vessels to ship and back  
Saw three other vessels all  
steering to the north

Middle & latter part light  
breeze 28.50 Long 39.24

Monday 10th

comes in with fresh gales &  
squally thick weather wind  
heading S.E. & S by E for coast  
heavy head but sea latter part  
wind E & E heading S.E. & S by E  
Lat 17.50 Long 35.50



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T. H. Mercury  
Tuesday Aug 11<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with  
strong breezes & heavy head-hast sea  
wind from E & ENE heading  
SSE & SE by South on a wind  
A. C. M. blew away the fly-gib  
unbent it & bent another  
Day ends with strong breezes  
& thick weather Lat 25.30 Long 36.58

Wednesday Aug 12<sup>th</sup>  
Comes in with strong breezes  
from E & E by N steering by the  
wind heading SE by S & SSE part  
middle part strong breezes with squally  
daylight - more moderate made all  
day Lat 24.18 Long 34.58  
Day ends with cloudy weather

Thursday Aug 13<sup>th</sup>  
Comes in with strong breezes from  
ENE with thick hazy weather steering  
by the wind under all sail heading  
SE by S part comp. with heavy head-hast  
sea Middle part - squally part  
the light sails were bearing N. E & ENE  
latter part light breezes & thick clouds  
under all sail Lat 22.10 Long 33.15

Friday Aug 14<sup>th</sup>  
Comes in with light breezes from  
E & thick atmosphere steering by the  
wind heading SSE part comp.  
middle & latter part light  
breezes from ESE & pleasant  
heading S part comp. Lat 2.50 Long 32.12



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Saturday Aug 15<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light breeze  
 from E & steering by the wind heading  
 S by comp. Saw two boys steering  
 W S W middle & latter part light  
 breeze from E & pleasant Lat 18.30 Long 21.45

Sunday Aug 16<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fresh gales from  
 E & E N E by comp.

Steering by the wind heading S E  
 & E middle & latter part strong  
 breeze from E N E heading S E by comp.  
 Atmosphere thick & hazy low  
 Lat 18.10 Long 21.45

Monday Aug 17<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fresh breeze from  
 E N E & thick weather steering by the wind  
 heading S E by comp. have seen  
 several sails thrown in the day  
 middle & latter part fresh gales  
 with peeping clouds  
 Lat 16.23 Long 22.15

Tuesday Aug 18<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fresh gales from  
 E N E with peeping clouds  
 Middle & latter part the same  
 Lat 15 10 Long 23.45

Wednesday Aug 19<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with moderate breeze  
 from E N E heading S E by comp.  
 6 P.M. made the Island of Brown off  
 the Cape & two Islands bearing E S E 58 miles  
 but middle & latter part calm Lat 14.50 Long 24.45

Exchanged signals  
 with an English boat



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7th Mercury & Bedford

Thursday Aug 20<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light air from  
NE & very warm pleasant weather  
heavy swell running from the South  
parted the fore Regal headstay & piled  
& sent up a new one

middle part light air & calm  
latter part showery & wind backing  
from the Southern board Lat-13.10

3 sails in sight. Long 24.18

Friday Aug 21<sup>st</sup>

Comes in with calm & light  
air from SW with frequent  
showers course SE for Cape

6 PM Strong breeze from SW  
& calm 10 light air from S

12 M Strong breeze from SW  
fresh the light sails

latter part fresh breeze with  
passing clouds Lat-11.35 to 22.49

Saturday Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>

Comes in with fresh gales from  
W & heavy sea running from  
SW steering SE for Cape  
middle & latter part fresh breeze  
from W with passing clouds

Course SE for Cape Lat 8.35 to 21.48

23 Sunday ~~Monday~~ Comes in with  
fresh breeze from WSW with  
passing clouds steering S for Cape  
middle part the same  
latter part thick & Rainy  
No Obs



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- Aug 24 Comes in with fresh breeze from S W & thick rainstorm Steering S by compass middle part squally fresh the light sails  
Latter part more moderate made all sail  
Day ends with fresh gales from S W heading  
S E by compass weather thick & cloudy & cold
- Aug 25 Comes in with fresh breeze from S W  
Steering by the wind heading S E by compass  
Lat 4.56 weather thick & cloudy with light squalls  
Lo 17.69 of rain middle & latter part fresh breeze  
from S W & S heading S E & E S E by compass  
12.11 took ship to S W
- Aug 26 Comes in with fresh breeze from S  
& passing clouds  
4 P.M. took ship to S E saw several sails  
Lat 3.35 middle & latter part fresh breeze from  
Lo 15.57 S W heading S E by compass several sails  
in sight Lat
- Aug 27 Comes in with fresh gales from S W &  
pleasant Steering by the wind heading  
S E by compass  
middle & latter part fresh breeze  
& pleasant Lat 2.10 Lo 14.23
- Aug 28 Comes in with fresh breeze from S W  
& S W heading S E by S by compass  
Lat 1.45 down for blackfish but without  
Lo 13.68 success middle & latter part fresh  
breeze 12.11 took ship to S



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# Bark Mercury N Bedford

Aug 29

Comes in with fresh breezes from  
W S W heading 20 for compass  
Sun one sail 10 PM tacked ship.

Lat 14.4

Long 14.29

to 2 AM tacked ship again to W  
latter part fresh gales from  
S & pleasant -

Aug 30

Comes in with fresh gales from  
S & pleasant steering by the wind  
heading W S W for compass middle &

Lat 14.18

Long 15.29

latter part light breezes & passing clouds  
one sail in sight

Aug 31

Comes in with light airs from  
S S W calm A Brig in sight born in

Lat 14.18

Long 16.21

to the Westward middle & latter part  
fresh gales from S & S E with fine weather

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Comes in with fresh gales from S E  
& pleasant steering S W for compass  
middle & latter part the same

Lat 1.20

Long 17.28

Sept 2

Comes in with light breezes from  
S E heading S W for compass middle &

Lat 3.03

Long 17.55

latter part light breezes with passing  
clouds

Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>

Comes in with light breezes from  
S E with thick atmosphere heavy swell  
setting from S E Course S W for compass

Lat 5.20

Long 19.28

caught 3 Cerofish  
middle & latter part strong  
breezes with frequent squalls



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Friday Sept 4th

Comes in with strong gales from S E Steady S W 1/2 S for com.

2 P M discovered our main topmast badly sprung put topgallant sails set down main topgallant & Royal yard & all rope the main topmast - Employed fitting a new topmast

Lat 7.35  
Lo 26.55

Middle & latter part strong gales & squally employed fitting a new main topmast

Saturday Sept 5th

Comes in with strong gales from S E Steady S W 1/2 S for com. under short sail put a temporary fishing on the main topmast middle part fresh breeze

Lat 9.35  
Lo 22.00

latter part moderate with light squalls of rain Employed sending down main topmast & a hard old time of it we had

Sunday Sept 6th

Comes in with fresh breeze from

Lat 11.25 S E with passing clouds Course S E by E  
Lo 23.12 Sent up a main topmast

middle part fresh breeze latter part the same sent up a main topgallant mast

Monday Sept 12th

Comes in with strong breeze from

S E & pleasant sent up main topgallant yard & also Royal yard & set topgallant

Lat 14.00  
Lo 28.52

middle part - strong gales with heavy

squalls fresh light sails & topgallant  
8 AM smart gale single reefed top sails  
scattered but fatigued away  
by eulls with smart gale & heavy  
squalls



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Sharp breeze  
Tuesday Sept 8<sup>th</sup>

Lat 16.30

Lo 26.26

comes in with smart gale  
from S E steering SW by S  
for Cape de Poll Split  
the outer jib middle part  
strong gales & heavy sea on on our beam  
latter part rather more moderate  
tuned out-rig repair the jib  
& bent it

Wed Sept 9<sup>th</sup>

comes in with strong breezes  
from E S E with passing clouds

Course SW for Cape de Poll Split

Lat 18.56

Lo 28.13

6 P.M. blue strong gale to gale &  
fly jib middle part daisy & wind coming  
from S E to E S E latter more moderate  
made all sail set up rigging

Thursday Sept 10<sup>th</sup>

comes in with fresh breezes from E  
with passing clouds steering SW for  
Cape de Poll Split middle part light  
breezes 5 AM made the Island of Trinidade  
bearing SW by S 20 miles dist.

Trinidad  
current

10 AM being up with the land  
bowed two boats went in shore &  
caught a lot of fine fish

Friday Sept 11<sup>th</sup>

comes in with light air from  
S E & pleasant - lying of the Island  
4 P.M. boats came alongside & lost a  
great lot of fish kept ship

Lat 21.30

Lo 28.30

off to S E by S middle part calm  
latter part light air from S W &  
passing clouds



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Saturday Sept 12<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light air from S.W.  
with some light squalls steering S.E. by S  
for camp employed tarring down headsails  
& fitting cutting stage & P.M. wind hauls  
to S.E. heading E for camp.

Lat 22.12

Lo 27.27

6 P.M. wind & wind from S.W. to E

8 P.M. tacked ship to S.W. wind S.E.

10 Am fresh breeze from N & pleasant

Sunday Sept 13<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fresh breeze from S.W.  
puffy clouds steering S.E. by S for camp.

Heavy rising from S.W. Ship under all sail

No 10 Middle part - strong gales with distant lightning  
6 Am split foremast - studding sail through  
lubberly means heavy rain with thunder & lightning  
from the light sails & H. kept to port  
" wind hauled to S.W. & blew hard

Day ends with rugged weather

Monday Sept 14<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with smart gale from

Lat 24.35 S.W. & high sea steering S.E. by S for camp

Lo 23.15 wind gradually abating

Middle part - moderate made all  
sail latter part light breeze from  
S & S.E. one sail in sight

Tuesday Sept 15<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light air from S.E.

& S on the eastern tack heavy swell running  
from the S

Lat 24.40 middle part light breeze from

Lo 22.03 S.E. heading E.N.E. for camp

6 Am tacked ship to the S

Day ends with light breeze from E.S.E.



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# Park Mercury

Wednesday Sept 16th

Comes in with light breeze from  
E & E Strong. by the wind heading  
for comp. one sail insight  
middle part light breeze from E & E  
latter part fresh breeze from E & E Strong  
S & E by S 1/2 S for comp.

Lat 26.50

Lo 21.25

Thursday Sept 17th

Comes in with strong breeze from  
E & E 2 P.M. took a squall & killed the wind  
& it sprang up light from E & E.

Lat 28.50

Lo 19.50

middle part fresh breeze from NE latter  
part the same from N with thick cloudy  
weather

Friday Sept 18th

Begins with strong gales from N & N  
& high sea weather thick with some rain  
Course S & E by S 1/2 S for comp & P.M. fresh  
the mainsail & took in standing sails  
& P.M. wind from NW & moderate  
set the light sails middle part fresh breeze  
latter part the same sent down the fore top sail  
repair & bent it again 12 M wind suddenly  
heaved to N & N & squally weather cloudy &  
some rain

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Saturday Sept 19th

The first Albatross Comes in with strong breeze from N & N  
fresh the light sails Saw the first Albatross  
middle part moderate latter part light  
breeze from S & E 12 M took ship to N  
very swell running from N weather cloudy  
untaken the mainsail to repair  
& strong current setting NE

Lat 32.35

Lo 15.31



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Sunday Sep. 20<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light breeze from S & cloudy weather steering by the wind heading S by N 15<sup>o</sup> for com<sup>o</sup>. 5 P.M. finished the mainsail & bent in middle part - fresh breeze from SE heading S by N for com<sup>o</sup>. Latter part - Gale from ESE 12 M or rapid to sails weather thick & cloudy & 0.4

Monday Sept 21

Comes in with smart gale from ESE clearing  
SSW per compass & PM S. rufed topsails & fresh  
Lat 36.50 fit & miserable weather thick & raining  
Lo 16.00 made & better part smart gale from ESE heavy sea  
& thick cloudy weather ship going by the wine heading  
SSE per compass.

Tuesday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Comes in with gale from E but gradually moderating weather thick & some rain ship by the wind heading S E for some middle part blew heavy with high sea 1 Am  
 Lo 37.05 were ship to N Harbour Anchor got adrift  
 Lo 16.05 & had to run the ship off to secure it  
 latter part moderate with rain Lo end)

Wednesday Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>

Lot 36.59 Comes in with thick weather & light air  
 Do 14.06 from N N E 2 P M wore ship. to East - & turn  
 out ruffs & set fore topsail & jibs  
 Sunset Shortened sail for the night down to  
 middle part - fresh breeze latter part there was  
 under all sail heading E by N comp.

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# Th. Mercury New Bedford

Thursday Sep 24<sup>th</sup>

Came in with light breeze with  
 passing clouds 1 P.M. raised a light  
 whale to windward took ship two or  
 three times to work up to him but  
 it set in thick fog & we saw him no more  
 at dark took in sail to lay by for the night  
 middle part light air & thick fog  
 3 Am commenced raining & strong breeze from N  
 9 Am went haul to NW & cleared up to  
 good weather saw no whales

Lat 16.53

Lo 14.10

Friday Sept 25<sup>th</sup>

Came in with light breeze from  
 NW & pleasant strong E by S for the  
 Island of Tristan da Cunha

Tristan da  
 Cunha

Middle part pleasant 6 Am raised a sperm  
 Whales bore two greater boats struck  
 being S by E Starboard boat parted & alboard boat saw  
 20 miles but his whale took him alongside & at 12 had him  
 cut in

Saturday Sept 26<sup>th</sup>

Came in with strong breeze from  
 WNW strong S by S 6 P.M. haul  
 Lat 36.57 aback off the land middle & latter part  
 Lo Am 11.50 start gale from SW 8 Am kept off to  
 East by ends with rough weather till the next

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> came in with gale

from SW strong & under easy seas

Lat 35.36 employed taring middle part 12 m finished taring  
 Lo 7.58 gale & heavy sea 12 m finished taring  
 on whale yielding 16 bls



# Outward Bound

1863

Monday Sep 28<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with a gale from SSW  
& high sea 1 P.M. back in feet tops to upper masts  
& lower the wind to SE

Lat 35.35

middle part blew heavy in squalls 8 P.M. set

Lo 5.33

whole topsails dry chels with strong gales from SSW  
fine A current - setting us 14 miles NNE in 14 hours

Tuesday Sep 29<sup>th</sup>

Lat 35.40

Comes in with gale from SSW heading SE by compass

Lo 3.30

8 P.M. moderate set topgallant middle & lower  
part fresh gales from SSW SE with cloudy weather

Wednesday Sept 30<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fresh breezes from SSW

Stirring by the wind heading SE & SE

Lat 36.45

weather cloudy Moved down our oil to a

Lo 1.17

of 18 bbls dry thing

middle part light breezes better part strong gales  
& squally fresh topgalls & gale

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Comes in with small gale from

SSW stirring by the wind heading SE by compass

Lat 37.00

2 P.M. SE fresh the top sails saw two fresh

Lo 00.01 W

middle part light breezes made all sail

better part the same saw two fresh

Friday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>

Comes in with light breezes from SSW

Lat 38.05

fine weather stirring by the wind heading

Lat 38.05

SSW by compass middle & lower part - calm

Lo .. 00 05 E

& cloudy No obs



1863

# The Mercury of New Bedford

Saturday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>

Lat 38-15-

Lo 1.03 E

Comes in with calm & cloudy weather  
middle part the same 10 AM light  
air from NE heading ESE in com

Sunday Oct 4

Comes in with light breezes from  
NW & steering E by S in com repairs the  
Main top-gall sail & makes ship  
middle & latter part strong breezes with  
fog & rain No Obs

Monday Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

Lat 37-30

Lo 6.55

Comes in with strong breezes from  
NW with fog & rain Course E by S in com  
middle part-calm latter part fresh breezes from  
NW & pleasant-

Tuesday Oct 6<sup>th</sup>

Lat 37-26

Lo 9-18

Comes in as above course ESE in com-  
5 AM hauled our boats for two right-whales  
but without success  
Shortened sail for the night 8 AM rain  
another whale going fast to westward  
Day ends with light-breezes from N &  
fine weather

Wednesday Oct 7<sup>th</sup>

Lat 37.32

Long 10.22

Comes in with light-breezes from NW  
pleasant steering SE by E 1/2 E in com  
Middle part light airs  
Latter part-calm  
Repairs the foresail



# Outward bound

1863

Thursday Oct 8th

Lat 37.22

Lo 11.68

Comes in with light calm weather  
A sail insight - on our starboard beam  
middle & latter part light airs & calms two sails  
insight

Friday Oct 9th Comes in with calm

weather & PM light airs from SW

Course S by E 1/2 E

Lat 37.22

Lo 13.24

Middle & latter part the same

Saturday Oct 10th Comes in with

fresh gales from SW & SSW strong S by E 1/2 E  
for comp. & PM fresh breezes with fog

Lat 37.40

Lo 14.24

5 PM wind hauled to SSE & squally  
took in topgalls & flyjib Ship heading E for comp.  
middle & latter part strong gales from SSE  
5 AM back to ship to SW one sail insight

Sunday Oct 11th Comes in with

Lat 39 35 Strong gales from SSE & rugged Ship heading SW  
Lo 14 58 for comp. middle part squally latter part  
fresh breezes from ESE & pleasant

Monday Oct 12th Comes in with

fresh gales from ESE heading S for comp

Lat 39.40

Lo 15.16

5 PM Calm middle & latter part the same  
weather warm & pleasant Saw 6 young May finches

Tuesday Oct 13th Comes in with

calm weather & pleasant - Employed fitting

Lat 39 15

Long 16.26

the hangings for the starboard waist boat  
middle & latter part fresh gales from SE & ESE



1863

# Bart. Mercury

Wednesday Oct 14th Comes in  
with thick cloudy weather & fresh breeze from  
Lat- 38 55 ESE heading NE for comp 11 P.M. wind  
Lo 20 27 hauled to NE Lark to ESE latter part  
Smart-gale from NW NW steering  
SE by E 1/2 E for comp

Thursday Oct 15th Comes  
in with gale from NW NW steering  
Lat 38 55 under full sail steering ESE for comp  
Lo 22 45 Middle strong gale from NW NW 9 AM  
pup & bark under short-sail working  
to the Westward 10 set-topmast stunsail  
down SE by E 1/2 E

Friday Oct-16th Comes in  
as above Course the same  
Lat by cut 38.26 8 PM wind from SE blowing strong  
Lo 24.36 fresh for topgale & flyjib latter part  
Smart-gale fresh the light-sails weather  
cloudy with some rain No obs

Saturday Oct-17th  
Comes in with strong gales from SE  
heading ENE for comp 4 PM exchanged  
signals with an English Transport-ship  
on the opposite tack from us  
& took in jibs & mainsail " fresh for  
topgale & foresail & were ship to SW  
blowing heavy 5 AM close reefed main tops  
by ends with heavy gale & rain  
No obs



# Outward bound

1863

Sunday Oct 18th Comes in with gale from  
SSE heading SW for coast 1 PM

Lat 37.15

Lo 27.20

fine topsail weather thick & some rain

Middle part the same 2 PM

8 AM light air from NW NW 12 miles

Monday Oct 19th Comes in with light

Lat in fact from W & pleasant

37 35 directions middle part squally better part light

Lo 30.40

brags from S with thick cloudy weather & rain  
one sail in sight No Ob

Tuesday Oct 20th

Comes in with light brags from SSE & some rain

4 PM fresh brags Middle part fresh gale

from SSE better part from E & rising No Ob  
10 AM tack ship

Wednesday 21st Comes in with strong

gale from SE & thick rainy weather heading

Lat 37.45

Lo 33.55

SSW for coast violent & furious & thick

another fresh & furious heavy heavy with

rain & 1 PM broad lightning & heavy rain

at rapid & furious manner & fire

Middle & better part calm & pleasant

Thursday Oct 22nd Comes in with

calm weather 3 PM light brags from

NW Caught a large turtle

Middle part light air better part

by 11 hrs & calm with some rain & Ob



1863

# Park Mercury

Lat 37.30  
 L 38.57

Friday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Comes in  
 with calm weather 4 PM light air  
 from south & some rain Broke out  
 for water in the Main hatch  
 Middle & latter part strong breeze from SE

Lat 38.00  
 L 40.04

Saturday Oct 24<sup>th</sup> Comes  
 in with strong gales from SE steering  
 by the wind heading & NE Employed  
 repairing Main topsail  
 11 PM took ship to SW  
 Latter part strong gales with  
 gathering clouds

Sunday Oct 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Comes in as above  
 Lat in by alt. Middle & latter part strong gales  
 40.00 from ENE & cloudy No drs  
 Lat 41.58

Monday Oct 26 Comes  
 in with smart gale from ENE  
 heading SE of comp under whole  
 topsails 4 PM raining  
 Lat 40.45 9 blew heavy SE wind topsails  
 Lat 45.52 Middle part raining latter part fast  
 breeze from NW & thick weather  
 12 M wind SW & large English ship  
 in sight

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Comes in  
 with strong gales from SW ship  
 under all sail steering SE by E  
 Lat 40.55 middle & latter part strong breeze with  
 Lany 50.13 passing clouds



# Toward New Holland

1863

Wednesday Oct 28th

Comes in with fresh gales from SSW with gathering clouds 4 P.M. wind hauled to SSE middle part calm. 7 A.M. fresh breeze from SE & cloudy 10 O'ls - Repaired the mainsail

Thursday Oct 29th

Comes in with fresh breeze from SE heading  
Lat 39.40 ESE from compass 3 P.M. wind hauled to W & Rainy  
Lo 55.07 Middle & latter part strong gales clear & pleasant under all sail steering E (by compass)

Friday Oct 30th

Comes in with strong gales from WSW  
Lat 37.50 with peeping clouds steering E by 1/2 N from compass  
Lo 58.26 Middle part fresh breeze latter part calm

Saturday Oct 31st

Comes in with calm weather - & light breeze from E Middle part strong gale from NNE fresh top gallant sail latter part smart gale from NNE & safe passage weather - thick & rainy 10 O'ls

Sunday Nov 1st

Comes in with gale from NNE 2 P.M. blue haze took in jibs mainsail foresail & foretop & hove ship to under 10 O'ls main

Lat 32.15 top sail middle part more moderate  
Lo 61.50 Daylight calm fresh gales from NW hove ship off to E by N & made all sail weather thick & hazy



1863

# Bk Mercury

Monday Nov 2<sup>th</sup> Comes  
in with strong breezes from NW & thick  
weather Stirling & Co 1st 1st comp  
Middle part light breezes & pleasant.  
8 Am calm 12 M fresh gales from NNE  
thick & Rainy At Obs

Tuesday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Comes in  
with fresh gales from NNE & rising  
heavy swell raising from SW  
Middle part the same 11 P.M. let the  
Ship heave to & split the fly jib  
8 Am wind hauled to W with fog  
& light breezes So ends

Wednesday Nov 4<sup>th</sup>  
Comes in with fresh gales from  
W 3 P.M. hauled to SSW course SE & E  
Saw a sail steering to the Westward  
Repair the fly jib also haul  
A fore staysail middle part light  
breezes from SSW  
8 Am saw a sail steering to NE  
Day ends with strong breezes from W  
& pleasant saw a great many furberks

Thursday Nov 5<sup>th</sup>  
Comes in as above. Ship under  
all sail Stirling & Co 1st 1st comp  
Middle & latter part fresh gales from NW  
& thick weather

Lat 26.25

Lo 68 00

Lat 36.58

Lo 71 11

Lat 38.07

Long 74.50



# Toward St. Holland

1863

Friday Nov 6th Comes in with  
Smart-gale from NW & that weather

Staring SE 1/2 E for the Island of St. Paul,

Lat 39.10 8. PM took in the light sails 2. AM clear

So 78.54 heavy breeze fore tops 10 AM report men  
blowing heavy thick & rising 12 cleared up  
& wind abated

Saturday Nov 7th

Comes in with smart gale from NW & W  
but fast abating 2 PM made all sail

Lat 39.68 Staring E by S 1/2 W

Log 82 45 Middle part rain hauled to 14 blue heavy  
Took in light sails & 2nd topsails gentle  
jib & main sail Day ends with heavy gale  
from NW

Sunday Nov 8th

Comes in as clear 2 PM blue by gun

Lat 39.36 Called all hands pulled fore tops & foresail  
& close reefed the main The sea is very heavy  
on our quarter but the Sea is Muddy not  
good weather Studding 7 PM perfect Hurricane  
Took in foresail & hove ship to under close reef  
main tops 10 AM kept ship off again  
Day ends with heavy gale & squalls of hail

Monday 9th Comes in as clear

7 PM hove ship to under main span

Lat 38.30 rain from NW & W 6 perfect Hurricane

So 85.23 Middle & latter part heavy gale

Mon 10th



# Bk Mercury

Tuesday Nov 10<sup>th</sup>

Cornes in with heavy gale from W. S. N. set the Main tops

& fore topmast staysail

Lat 37 45

4 P.M. hove off to E by S set foresail

Le 89. 10

& foretopail Middle & latter part  
blew heavy & squalls of hail

Wednesday Nov 11<sup>th</sup>

Cornes in with gale from W. N. W. running under whole topsails & main topgalls in a tremendous high sea

10 P.M. took in the light sails 2 A.M.

Lat 37 36

St. Regis Heavy squalls of rain

Le 93 45

latter pt more moderate turned out reefs  
blowing heavy from N. W.

Thursday Nov 12<sup>th</sup>

Cornes in with gale from N. W.

& squalls stirring E by S 1/2 S for some

Lat 37. 25

Barometer low & weather looking bad

Le 97. 15

middle & latter part smart gale  
& frequent & heavy squalls of wind  
& rain

Friday Nov 13<sup>th</sup>

Cornes in with strong gale from W. N. W. & heavy sea running under whole topsails

Lat 37 15

3 P.M. more moderate set topgalls

Le 101. 24

1 P.M. made all sail middle & latter part  
strong gales & pleasant saw a Heron  
Bird stirring to N. E.



# Howard New Holland 1862

Saturday Nov 14th

Comes in with strong gales from NNE  
& passing clouds come E by S for coast

Lat 36.58 Middle & latter part strong breeze & getting  
Lo 105.44 clouds

Sunday Nov 15th

comes in with strong gales from WNW  
& squalls of rain middle & latter part strong

Lat 36.50 comes away to S by N strong breeze from  
Lo 109.38 S by N wind comes to S by N

Monday Nov 16th

comes in with strong gales from S by N breeze

Lat 36.04 strong E by N wind Middle part strong breeze  
Lo 113.11 latter moderate breeze from W & cloudy

Tuesday Nov 17th

comes in with moderate breeze from

Lat 35.24 W strong E by N wind

Lo 115.15 middle & latter part light air & calm

Wednesday Nov 18th

comes in with light air from S by N

& thick atmosphere strong E by N for

King George Sound middle part light

Lat 35.18 air from E & ESE latter part fresh breeze

Lo 116.45 & pleasant close in with the land  
trying to beat up along shore

Thursday 19th

First part at about 5.30 AM took ship off shore

middle part moderate breeze from S by E & N

Lat 35.15 ship in shore & when saw the ship steering to W

Lo 118.00 10 heavy gale from N by N what is called in

this coast the Bickfielder storm ESE

Dry ends with the same weather close



1863

Bk Mary Towan & Zedarnes

Salut Friday Nov 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Comes in with gale from W & clear weather  
 2 PM called all hands & hauled up chains  
 & Bent them & hauled in shore  
 for King Georges Sound but it being smoky  
 over the land mistook the land & got to  
 far to the East as we supposed but at  
 4 we discovered to light & luffed on the  
 wind middle part moderate made  
 all sail & worked up to the light  
 6 Am called all hands & up chains &  
 went in to the Sound & took 6 Piles  
 & at 9 came to anchor in Port-Princes  
 Regal Harbor Day ends pleasant

Saturday Nov 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Comes in with pleasant weather  
 2 PM blew strong with rain commenced  
 drizzling & let go another anchor  
 middle part moderate  
 latter part violent gale from W & rain  
 middle & latter part the same part the same  
 St

Sunday Gale & very wet  
 to church

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> got a Raft on shore  
 for water but blew so hard could  
 not get them off

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> the same made  
 out to get off our water afternoon  
 heavy squalls of sleet wind & Rain  
 & Thunder



2 Mercury Troward A. Graham 1863

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>  
Comes in with heavy squalls of rain  
accompanied with snow hail  
middle part moderate, the latter part  
moderate & pleasant

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
light breeze from S.W. 1 P.M. took our  
pilot & got the ship under way &  
put to sea 2 discharge pilot &  
steer out of the Sound with 6 fine  
breezes middle part calm  
Set 35.45  
Lo 120.43  
Latter part light breeze from W. spoke &  
sailed with the Bk Sea Fox Haver Westport  
25 months out - 786 27-

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
Set 35.36 light breeze from W with passing clouds  
Lo 122.08 Middle & latter part light air & calm

Saturday Nov 28<sup>th</sup>  
Comes in with calm weather 4 P.M. light  
breeze from S middle part calm with light  
Set 35.40  
Lo 123.39 Showers latter part fresh gales from S.E. with  
passing clouds

Sunday Dec 29<sup>th</sup>  
Set 35.08 Comes in as before middle & latter part  
Lo 125.42 light breeze from S.E. & S.W. with passing clouds



1863

# BK Mercury

Monday Nov 30<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light breezes from  
SSE & cloudy middle & latter part  
these from SE saw a Steamer  
steering to the westward supposed it  
to be the mail Steamer -

Lat 34.35

Lo 128.60

Tuesday Nov Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

Comes in with fresh gales from  
SE steering by the wind heading  
ESE for camp employed painting  
boats repairing fore top sail & building  
Potato House

Lat 33.33

Lo 126.42

Middle & latter part these same

Wednesday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>

Comes in with light breezes from  
SE with flapping clouds employed  
building Potato house  
middle part - light breezes from SE & ESE  
Latter shift to SE Day ends with pleasant  
weather

Lat 33.50

Lo 131.50

Thursday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>

Comes in with light winds from SE  
heading SSW for camp middle part  
fresh gales from ESE latter part from  
E heading SSE

Lat 35.15

Lo 131.51

Friday Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light air from ESE  
VE 3.5. calm middle part  
Gales latter strong breezes from  
E heading SSE for camp

Lat 37.35

Lo 132.27



# Howard New Zealand

Saturday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> the comes in

with fresh gales from E by S heading S E by S

Lat 39.46 per compass - saw a seal steering to West -

Lo 133.26 Employed building platform pen

Middle & latter part - fresh gales & fine weather  
saw a great many fur seals

Sunday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> the comes in with light

Lat 41.25 breezes from E & fine weather - steering by the wind

Lo 133.45 heading S E per compass Middle & latter part  
light air & calm Lat

Monday Dec 7<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light air from E & peeping clouds

Lat 42.30 Middle & latter part the same from E

Lo 135.28 with thick cloudy weather

Tuesday Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light - breeze from E & E

Lat 43.16 N E & S N from it heading E per compass

Lo 138.14 weather - thick

Middle & latter part fresh from N W with rain

Wednesday Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fresh gales from N E

Lat 43.56 with peeping clouds course E by S per compass

Lo 141.18 employed in same

Middle & latter part light breeze & pleasant

Thursday Dec 10<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fresh gales from N E

Lat 44.45 & pleasant employed painting the chains

Lo 45.07 Middle part fresh breeze

latter part strong breeze from N  
with squalls of rain



1863

# Bk Mercury & Bedford

Friday Dec 11th

Comes in with strong breezes from  
 Lat 43.35 W & rugged course E by S p. comp  
 Lat 136.04 Middle & latter part smart gale with squalls  
 set-up back stays & jib stays

Saturday Dec 12th

Comes in with gale from W & W  
 & high sea running the ship under  
 Lat 46.10 all sail course E p. comp  
 Lat 134.31 Middle & latter part smart gale with  
 high sea

Sunday Dec 13th

Comes in with smart gale from  
 Lat 46.22 W with squalls course E 1/2 N p. comp  
 Lat 137.23 very high sea middle & latter part  
 moderate 12 M calm & pleasant

Monday Dec 14th

Comes in with calm & light breezes from W  
 Lat in by alt 47.00 Middle part strong breezes from E & E  
 Lat 159.15 Latter part strong gales & thick & rainy  
 No obs furled topgalls & fly jib

Tuesday Dec 15th

Comes in with gale from E & E & rainy  
 Lat 46.35 2 P.M. Bl. regd furled Spanker Mainsail  
 Main top Stayrail & outer jib 6 P.M. took  
 in foremast jib set foretop sail John Seabury  
 fell from the fore yard & hurt him - but  
 Lat 159.35 not so 7 P.M. furled foretop sail  
 Lat 159.35 Middle part blew heavy with rain -  
 latter part more moderate set-up  
 & jibs & courses ends with thick  
 weather



Off New Zealand

1865

Wednesday Dec 16th

No Obs Comes in with strong gales from N &  
& thick atmosphere under whale tops  
Steering by the wind heading ESE for com  
Middle & latter part light breeze from ENE  
& thick fog

Thursday Dec 17th

No Obs Comes in with calm & thick weather  
1 P.M fog lighted up middle part calm  
with thick fog latter part thick & cloudy with  
some rain Repair the mainsail

Friday Dec 18th

No Obs Comes in with thick cloudy weather  
& fresh breeze from SSE steering by the wind  
heading E 1/2 N for com  
Middle & latter part strong breeze with thick  
fog forced the light sails

Saturday Dec 19th

Comes in with strong gales from SSE  
Steering E by N for com 7 P.M shortened sail  
& set boats crew water Middle part light  
breeze & moderate drizzle made all sail  
Raised the anchors at 3 am passed the anchors  
7 miles to the North of them & kept off for  
Stewart Island by evening with fresh breeze from  
SW with passing clouds

Sunday Dec 20th

Comes in with fresh gales from SW & good  
weather 2 P.M lowered two boats & went on shore  
Lat 47.00 got some fish Middle part fresh breeze  
Se 169.30 latter part pleasant & light breeze from  
SW steering N for com



1863

# The Mercury

Monday Dec 21<sup>st</sup>

Lat 46.35

Lo 169.44

Comes in with light breezes from S & pleasant - course S by W comp. middle & latter part calm

Tuesday Dec 22<sup>th</sup> comes in

with calm & pleasant weather

Molineaux harbor bearing W 15 mls

Lat 45.16

Lo 171.27

dist middle & latter part light breezes from S & S.E. Saw a steamer & three other vessels

Wednesday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>

Comes in with light air from E

Lat 44.40

Lo 162.37

2 P.M. calm middle part - calm 4 AM light air from N.E. 8 AM latter ship to E.S.E. by and the same steamer & here Big trying to get to the Northward

Thursday Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light breezes from N.E.

Lat 44.12

Lo 175.14

2 P.M. latter ship to N.N.W. saw several finbacks the wind is ahead & a fine prospect of ice remaining so middle part light breezes 4 AM calm latter part light air from E saw a large steamer bound South & one small steamer bound to the N

Friday Dec 25<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light breezes from E.N.E.

& pleasant - Banks Peninsula bearing W 9 miles dist middle & latter part light breezes from N.E. & calms land 15 mls distant saw a sail to windward



## Off New Zealand

Saturday Dec 26<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light breeze from N.W. & S.W. Repairs the foresail & Main Rod. Middle & latter part fast breeze

Lat 42.44 from N.E. one sail insignif. wind in to the land  
Lo 173.68 & at 12 took ship

Sunday Dec 26<sup>th</sup> Comes in

Lat 43.40 as above standing off shore Middle part  
Lo 175.53 Squally latter part - light breeze from E with thick weather

Monday Dec 28<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light breeze from E with  
skud paping quick turning N.E. for west

Lat 42.20 4 P.M. calm middle part - The same

Lo 177.10 latter part strong breeze from S.W. & heavy swell  
running from the East

Tuesday Dec 29<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fresh gale from S.W. &  
cloudy 4 P.M. calm & ship cooling & stalling  
her sails at an average rate 6 light breeze

No Obs. 12 heavy squalls from N.W. & S.W. fresh light  
sails & S.E. rapid 6 A.M. more moderate inside  
all sail Day ends with rainy weather

Saw the land to the South of Flank by  
30 miles Dist

Wednesday Dec 30<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fresh gale from S.W. with rain  
staring down the land for both Cape & S.W. look in  
sail off Flank by middle part then strong from S  
Day light 21 H rapid to sails & run down to both Cape  
hauled off since to E.S.E. Day ends with heavy gale



1863

# Park Mercury

Thursday Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

Comes in with gale from S & high sea  
2 P.M. blew heavy took in fore tops  
5 gale increasing took in fore staysail  
Close reefed main tops & took in the  
two boats - for the first time the voyage  
has gale & bad sea  
Middle part - sea heavy & Am more  
moderate set fore staysail & close reefed fore  
tops 10 P.M. tops & ~~main~~ foresail by ends  
more moderate Table Cape in sight  
bearing SSW 15 miles distant 1 P.M.

Friday Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1864

Comes in with gale from S but gradually  
moderating 2 P.M. set jibs & mainsail  
4 Lock ship in shore 7 Lock off weather  
fine middle all sail  
Middle part light breeze better part calm  
& light air from NE went on shore with  
two boats for supplies Tom Pepper-battered

Saturday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>

Comes in with light air from N 2 P.M.  
came on board & stowed off & on  
middle part light air from NW  
better part calm 8 A.M. went on shore &  
got Tom Pepper who deserted yesterday  
& got some Potatoes & onions

Sunday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> Comes in with light

air from E & pleasant 2 P.M. finished  
trading & went on board & put off  
middle part calm better part light air  
from NW & pleasant - land in sight - bearing W  
40 miles distant

1864

O'Keo Island

Monday Jan 4<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light  
air from NW & warm pleasant - course SE by E  
Lat 39.45 In comp Middle part squally  
Lat 179 44 W latter part light breeze from SE heading ESE  
for comp Repair the mizen topmast staysail

Tuesday Jan 5<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
light breeze from SE At 5 PM calm  
Lat 41 40 85 M light breeze from NE Middle part fast  
Lat 177.37 W gale. latter part fresh gale from NW & NW  
with passing clouds

Tuesday Jan 5<sup>th</sup> Comes in  
with fresh breeze from NW & pleasant  
steering SE by S 1/2 S for comp  
Repair the jibs & spritsails - something  
to day not don't expect to tomorrow  
Middle part fresh breeze by night Made the circle  
a bank of Rocks 15 miles N of Chatham Island  
weather thick 10 ran down & went on shore  
on the North side of the Island spoke ship  
Adison Pearce At Bedford 40 m out 9.50  
Abt 700 Spun 12 Come on board & kept off  
for Pitts Island

Wednesday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
light breeze from NW & SW steering to the  
wind heading SSE Middle & latter part strong  
breeze from N & NE lying off & on with hills etc

Thursday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> Comes in as above  
At 5 PM spoke the Minerva full & round the  
ground with her - & run of to SE & raised the flag  
ground with dark wood Middle & latter part  
moderate & thick weather  
The Pyram Island bearing NW by N  
15 miles



1864

# Bk Mercury off

Friday Jan<sup>y</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Comes in with calms & light  
 air from N E - Middle part the same  
 latter part strong breeze from N E  
 11 Ships in sight - weather thick &  
 very saw no land to day

Saturday Jan<sup>y</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Comes in  
 as above 1 P.M. went on board  
 of the Eliza Savell N Bedford  
 & her Lieut Smiths Belknap  
 Middle part strong breeze with rain  
 latter part light air from N E &  
 pleasant - 8 sails in sight - Pyramid  
 bearing N 25 miles Dist.

Sunday Jan<sup>y</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Comes in with light air from N E &  
 pleasant - lying on opposite tacks  
 & steering different courses through the day  
 Middle & latter part fresh breeze from N E  
 with clouds & some fog

Monday Jan<sup>y</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Comes in with light breeze from N E & cloudy  
 Middle & latter part fog & rain saw  
 several ships

Tuesday Jan<sup>y</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Comes in with fresh breeze from N E  
 4 P.M. took a squall & shift of wind  
 to N W. Middle part strong breeze  
 latter part the same  
 cruising under short sail

Chatham Island 1864

Wednesday Jan 13th

Came in with strong gales from N.W. thick weather a number of ships in sight  
Letter part - light breeze from N.W. & pleasant

Thursday 14th Came in as above  
I.M. towed three boats & went inshore  
for fish caught a fine lot - middle part  
calm letter part, thick & rainy

Friday 15th Came in with thick weather  
joined with John Wells & David Wain  
Middle part - light breeze 10 AM blew heavy from  
W took in light sails 12 heavy gale from S.W. by reg.  
Main tops & furled fore tops & courses

Saturday 16th Came in with heavy gale  
from S.W. & I.M. more moderate set fore tops  
7 I.M. fine weather - middle part calm  
Letter part strong breeze from N. Pillsbury 10  
miles dist

Sunday Jan 17th Came in with  
strong breeze from N. & clouds threatening  
a storm Middle part blew heavy close up  
the main topsail letter part moderate with  
fog

Monday Jan 18th Came in with  
light breeze from N.W. middle part  
the same letter part - calm - joined with the  
Pharos -

Tuesday Jan 19th  
calm & thick weather Middle part  
the same letter part light breeze  
from S.W. went in with three boats  
& caught a large quantity of fish



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# Port Mercury Off Chatham Isls

Wednesday Jan 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Comes in with light breeze from  
 South S. P. M come on board with  
 our fish & kept the ship off to go  
 in to the landing for Supplies  
 Letter 7 Am come on board &  
 went on shore dry ends with thick  
 rainy weather & strong breeze from NE

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Comes in with strong gales from  
 NE & S 4 P. M come on board &  
 kept the ship off to SW in-  
 company with the Port Merman  
 kept gusts blowing heavy & driving  
 in torrents of rain & fresh fit &  
 main sail & left by the wind  
 Middle & letter part strong gales  
 from NW & thick rain storm

Friday 22 Comes in with fresh  
 breeze from NW & W & thick rainy  
 weather Middle part wind hauls  
 to SW & clear off blowing strong  
 letter part strong gales from W

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Comes in with  
 strong gales from W & NW with  
 heavy swell 7 P. M light breeze  
 Middle part light breeze from NW  
 letter part strong breeze & thick weather  
 saw seven ships Blackfishing

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# Bte Mercury Off Chart Island

Sunday 24th Comes in with strong gales from N W & thick weather - heavy swell running from S W Middle part strong breeze from W & A.M. kept off & ran down under the lee of the land & went onshore dry ends with moderate breeze

Monday 25th

Comes in with light breeze from S W Middle part the same

Later part - strong gales from S W Ran down under the lee of the land & came to anchor

Tuesday 26th Comes in with strong gales from S W Middle part wind hauled to E 2 A.M. Calld all hands & got under way & ran round to the Landing & came to anchor & got a raft of water & took off a chain I purchased onshore wind N E

Wednesday 27th

Cin with fresh gales from N E 6 P.M. got under way & put out of the water to cruise Middle part blew heavy from N E It rafe top sails full courses & jibs 6 A.M. full fore top sail day ends with heavy gale

Thursday 28th

Comes in with Truent gale from N E & thick cloudy weather 12 midnigh - moderate & rainy latter part - calm with thick fog



23<sup>rd</sup> Mercury off the

Friday Jan 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Comes in with calm & thick fog  
 Middle & latter part - gale from  
 N with cloudy thick weather

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Comes in with smart gale from  
 N & thick cloudy weather - no sun  
 no land to day middle part heavy  
 rain latter part Drizzle & fog 12 M  
 light air & clear - Spruce Landing N by W  
 23 miles dist

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Comes in with  
 light air from NW & pleasant  
 Saw several ships middle part wind from  
 N & light latter part strong breeze from strong

Monday Feb 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Comes in with strong gales from NW  
 to PM blew heavy Drizzle & hail  
 Middle part squalls of rain & wind  
 hauled to W & W latter part smart gale

Tuesday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Comes  
 in with fair weather  
 Middle part the same latter part more  
 moderate kept the ship off & ran round  
 under the lee of L'Anse & came to anchor

Wednesday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Comes in  
 with gale from W to PM wind hauled  
 to NW got underway & ran out  
 middle part blew heavy  
 latter part moderate  
 Land with the Plover

# Guathum Island

Thursday July 4 comes in with moderate breeze from W S W & heavy swell weather cloudy Middle & latter part fresh breeze from W S W & pleasant went on shore & got some hogs & shot two wild goats.

Friday July 5th comes in with strong breeze from W S W & pleasant weather - 4.30 AM landed at Toubury & got off loaded with Potatoes & Onions Middle part strong breeze & AM went on shore & got of some potatoes fresh breeze from S W

Saturday July 6th comes in as before I employed boating off potatoes Middle part calm lie off & on till 4 o'clock latter part fresh breeze from S & cloudy rain of the S & hauled by the wind to wait good weather.

Sunday 7th comes in with strong breeze from S & thick cloudy weather three ships in sight Middle & latter part the same.

Monday 8th comes in with light breeze from W S W & cloudy middle part from S latter part light breeze from S W employed getting off potatoes & salt finished & come on board & put off for the South.

Tuesday comes in with light breeze from S & S W & middle & latter part strong breeze. Spoke several ships & later in the day saw the ship hunting the whale that she was in company with the ship.



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36 Mercury Toward the North

Wednesday Feb 10<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with strong breeze from N  
& thick weather - Steady by the wind  
to the Eastward

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Middle part Squally with lightning  
& rain latter part moderate breeze from  
W & thick cloudy weather

Thursday Feb 11<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with thick weather & light  
breeze from W & WSW  
Middle & latter part the same.

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Friday Feb 12<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light breeze from SW  
Middle part calm latter part  
fresh breeze from NNE & thick cloudy  
weather

10/6

Saturday Feb 13<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with thick rainy weather  
& strong breeze from NNE heading  
N by compass - S by M blew strong in squalls  
fierce & foggy & flyjic Middle part  
moderate from NW made all sail  
latter part thick weather

10/6

Sunday Feb 14<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with thick dark  
weather & fresh gale from W & W  
Steering N by compass Middle part  
light breeze & thick weather latter part  
fresh gale from NW with peeping clouds

10/6

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St. H. Mercury Row 2. 18th

Monday Feb. 15th

Comes in with light breeze from S.W.

Lat 39.30 & seasons steering S.E. & W.

Lo 154.30 Middle part the same latter part light breeze with thick weather

Tuesday Feb. 16th

Comes in with light breeze from S.W. steering S.W. & E. Middle part light breeze latter part calm with rain

Wednesday 17th

Comes in with calm weather still light breeze from S & thick cloudy weather Middle & latter part fresh breeze from S & thick rainy weather picked up a large stock of timber

Thursday 18th

Comes in with fresh breeze from E.S.E. & thick rainy weather course S.E. & S. & W. Middle part calm with rain

Friday Feb. 19th

Comes in with light breeze from S.W. steering S.W. & E. Middle part light breeze latter part calm with rain

Lat 33.16

Lo 154.25 S.P.M. thick & rainy Middle & latter part strong gales from S.E. with heavy rain



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Bk. Mercury toward Huachuca

Saturday Feb 26<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with strong gales  
from N E & N E. 6 P M thick clouds  
& rain 8 P M blew strong split-  
stye & mainsail. Middle & latter  
part - strong gales & heavy rain  
went to new Mainsail & unhooked  
the flyjib to repair

Sunday Feb 27<sup>th</sup>

Lat 33.10

Lo 152.08

Comes in with thick rainy & gust  
breezes from N & N E Middle part cloudy  
but no rain latter part fresh breezes  
with passing clouds

Monday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> Comes in

Lat 32.35

Lo 150.51

with light breezes from N with passing clouds  
Middle part from N W latter part calm  
Repaired the flyjib & bent it

Tuesday Feb 29<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
calms & light air from N W & N W  
shifting by the wind to the Northwest  
weather clear. No rain

Middle part - thunder & lightning  
& light air from all parts of the compass  
latter part calms & rain

Wednesday Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with a squall from E but  
soon hauled to N N E & thick rainy  
weather - & died out

Lat 36.26

Lo 151.22

Middle part calm latter part  
light air from E with passing clouds  
heavy swell running from S E

Bk Mercury Toward Society Islands

Thursday July 24<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light breeze from E & ESE

Steering S by compass weather fair

Lat 28.30 Middle part light air from S & SE

Long 150.69 Breeze from W & very warm & pleasant

Remained 3 jib & bent it

Friday July 26<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light air from W & WSE

No Obs heading S by compass at 1 PM calm & light baffling air Middle & latter part calm & showery

Sent down the speaker yesterday to repair

Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with calm & showery weather

Lat 27.20 with a heavy swell running from NE

Long 149.44 12 Midnight took a squall from NW

& continued so through the latter part

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fresh breeze from ESE

Lat 26.25 heading NE by compass frequent squalls

Long 148.68 of wind & Rain Middle & latter part heavy squalls from NW

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fresh gale from NW

Steering by the wind heading NNE by compass

Lat 25.50 weather thick & cloudy & heavy squalls

Long 148.08 at land 8 PM squall

Middle & latter part light air from NNE

& thick haze weather

Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup> Comes in with

Lat 25.30 light air from NNE & calm

Long 148.07 middle part calm latter part

light air from NNE



1864 13th. Mureny Beculm & wind from

Wednesday March 2th

Lat 24.20 Comes in with light air from  
Lo 149.02 NNE 4 P.M. calm Middle & latter  
part light breeze from NE  
Employed painting ship

Thursday March 3rd

Comes in with light breeze from NE  
Stunning at N by N pa compass

Lat 22.40 5 P.M. Raise Looeie Island bearing  
Lo 150.07 NNE by N 30 miles dist  
Middle & latter part light breeze

Friday March 4th

Comes in with light baffling winds  
from NE to E Found my Chronometer  
2 degrees & 10 miles out of the way

Lat 21.08 Middle & latter part light air  
Lo 150.37 from E & very warm. Employed  
painting ship

Saturday 5th

Comes in with light air from  
E 4 P.M. calm at Sunset Henry  
C Harrington Kanack & native

Lat 20.30 of Rasmusen died had been sick  
Lo 151.00 all the voyage & now has been on duty  
since three of the first weeks out  
Middle & latter part calm 9 AM  
Buried the Kanack who died last  
evening

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Bk. Mucus Beal

Sunday March 6th

LT 19.40 Comes in as above saw 6 distant ones  
L 157.64 middle part - light air latter part calm

Monday 7th Comes in as above

LT 19.07 Middle & latter part - the same - with  
L 153.00 frequent showers

Tuesday 8th Comes in with  
calm weather 3 P.M. took a squall  
& rain from 4 breeze continues yet but  
light middle & latter part calm  
& cloudy

Wednesday 9th

Comes in with light breeze from 4  
& S.E. P.M. Made the Salin of Riatia  
being N.N.W 68 miles dist  
Middle part - fresh gales from E. & S.E.  
Daylight Made the Island of Huahine  
being N.W. & Day ends with fresh gales  
& some squalls of rain  
Employed getting up chains

Thursday 10th

Comes in with squally weather  
Running down for Huahine  
4 P.M. took a pilot & 4-30 came to anchor  
in Orohiring bay

From the above date have been watering  
recruiting & giving liberty

11 Am took the pilot on board

took on anchor & went out of the  
harbor 12 discharged pilot & put to sea  
with fresh gales from E. & S.E.

Monday  
March 14th



1864 Mercury Toward Honolulu

Tuesday Feb 15<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fresh gales from  
Lt 14.25 E heading N N E for comp  
Lt 150.03 Middle part Strong breeze  
latter part the same

Wednesday Feb 16

Comes in with fresh from E by N &  
Lt 12.40 squally heading N by E for comp  
Lt 149.69 Middle part squally latter part  
fresh gales from E by N heading  
N N E for comp

Thursday Feb 17<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fresh gales & puffy  
clouds steering by the wind heading  
Lt 16.40 N by E for comp  
Lt 158.12 Middle & latter part fresh gales from  
E heading N N E for comp

Friday Feb 18<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light breeze  
Lt 8.35 from E & E by S heading  
Lt 147.56 N E by N for comp  
Middle & latter part fresh gales  
& pleasant

Saturday Feb 19<sup>th</sup>

Comes in as above comes  
Lt 7.00 N N E Middle & latter part  
Lt 147.00 light breeze & some rain

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Sunday March 20th

Comes in with light air from NE  
to E during by the wind from NE  
to SE Middle part light air latter part  
calm & raining

Monday 21st Comes in with

Lat 5.50 to 6.00 calm & as hot as before  
Lat 147.00 Middle & latter part calm

Tuesday March 22nd

Comes in with light air from  
Lat 5.05 & calm weather very calm  
Lat 147.28 Middle part part light air from  
latter part calm

Wednesday March 23rd

Comes in with calm & in weather  
Lat 3.45 Middle & latter part light air from E. N. E.  
Lat 147.14 & some rain

Thursday March 24th

Comes in with light air from  
E. N. E. & pleasant heading 10 p.m.  
Lat 2.00 Middle & latter part fresh gale  
Lat 146.35 heading 10 p.m. & some

Friday March 25th

Comes in with fresh gale from E. N. E.  
Lat 1.00 weather clearing 10 p.m.  
Lat 146.25 Middle & latter part light breeze  
& some light showers



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St. Mungy Looan Honolulu

Saturday Mch 26

Comes in with light breezes from  
 Lt 00.44 N E & pleasant course N by E  
 Lt 146.24 Middle part light breezes  
 latter part calm

Sunday Mch 27th

Comes in with calm weather

Lt 2.40 N & very hot Middle & latter part  
 Lt 146.44 fresh gales from N E with squalls

Monday Mch 28th

Comes in with strong breezes from N E

Lt 4.25 with squalls stirring by the wind

Lt 147.13 heading N N W in comp

Middle & latter part strong breezes  
 with passing clouds

Tuesday Mch 29th

Comes in with fresh gales from

E N E & N E by E heading N & N by W

Lt 6.36 heavy small & hard

Lt 147.40 Middle part strong breezes

& N N heavy squalls of rain & wind  
 & continued through the day

Wednesday 30th

Comes in with with heavy squalls

Lt 8.35 & heavy lead wind from E N E & N E

Lt 148.01 heading N by W & N N W in comp

Middle part heavy squalls

Latter part strong N E trades &  
 steady breeze

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## Bk. Mercury Sound Honolulu

Thursday March 31st

Come in with fresh gales from  
NE & pleasant heading N. N. W. per compass

Lat 11.12 Employed making Mizen Staysail  
Middle & latter part strong breeze from  
SE & E with passing clouds

Friday April 1st 1864

Come in with strong gales from

Lat 14.20 SE & E & pleasant  
Lat 150.26 Course N. N. W. Middle & latter part  
strong gales with passing clouds  
Employed making Mizen Staysail

Saturday April 2nd

Come in with strong breeze

Lat 16.55 from NE & pleasant  
Steering N. W. 1/2 N. per compass  
Lat 152.21 Middle & latter part fresh gales  
& pleasant

Lat

Sunday April 3rd

Come in with fresh gales from SE & E

Lat 19.12 & pleasant course N. W. 1/2 N. per compass  
Lat 154.08 Middle & latter part fresh gales & pleasant

Monday April 4th

Come in with light breeze per compass

1 P.M. made the Island of Oahu  
bore, N. W. 1/2 N. 50 miles distant  
Middle part light breeze 7 P.M. made  
the Island of Maui bearing S. E. 50  
100 miles distant - Day ends with light  
breeze from SE & pleasant



1864 K<sup>y</sup> Mercury off the Sandwich Isls

Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup>  
comes in with light breezes  
from E & pleasant employed  
tacking down  
Middle & latter part light air  
from E & pleasant

Wednesday Apr 6<sup>th</sup>  
comes in with light air & calm  
9 am landed on boat & pulled  
up to behind 7 PM came on board  
& kept off for Honolulu. Day mild  
calm

Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup>  
comes in with calm weather  
lying about halfway between  
Norfolk & Makah

middle part light breeze  
to the town on boat off from  
beach & went on shore 10 Pilot went  
on board & took the ship in

~~Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 64~~

~~Friday~~

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> light air & calm  
At 11 AM they came alongside & hoisted  
on the ship & towed her out of the  
harbor & from the above date  
till the 13<sup>th</sup> we are lying becalmed

1844. November 20. 1844. 1844.

1000000 27 1/2 1/4

A little plant just getting green. Leaves small  
 and up close & not much green  
 that is to say green. A little bit of green

The white fish clay contains little lime  
shells & few iron and chert

Gen ends with just 2 c tracks

Wm. the April 10 1844

Pushed in with pump at 6  
Employer getting off potatoes

double post 2 1/2 in. diam. x 10 in.

After lunch I went to the  
library & at 10 AM I arrived  
I kept on the way to the bank.

*Phloxella H. communis* Linn.

2/21/46 a lot pages / 1' 11" 10" 12" 14" 16" 18" 20" 22" 24" 26" 28" 30" 32" 34" 36" 38" 40" 42" 44" 46" 48" 50" 52" 54" 56" 58" 60" 62" 64" 66" 68" 70" 72" 74" 76" 78" 80" 82" 84" 86" 88" 90" 92" 94" 96" 98" 100"

Le 16205 pour le 7. 10 pour le 16205

Letter sent to the ...

Penola April

Oct 24 11 (one in water, four on shore, one in  
 S. 105.04 (one in clouds, one on shore, one in  
 water, one in water, one on shore, one in water.  
 Several in the water & several on shore.



1864 Fort Murren toward the Arctic Ocean

Monday April 19

Comes in with fresh gales from E & strong W for the comp.  
4 PM heavy fog

The Geo Hurland & Pacific in company

Middle part fresh breezes with showers & thick cloudy weather

Tuesday April 20th

Comes in with fresh gales from E

Lat 23.55 & thick weather - Course N 1/2 W

Lat 173.14 for com. middle & latter part fresh breezes with passing clouds Geo Hurland & Pacific in company

Wednesday April 21st

Lat 25.00 Comes in with strong breezes from E & Lat 176.50 strong W for the com.

Middle & latter part the same.

Friday April 22nd

Lat in yet comes in as above course N 1/2 W

26.50 1/2 W Middle & latter part fresh breezes

Lat 179.15 & thick cloudy weather

Saturday April 23rd

Comes in with fresh gales from NE

Lat 29.50 & NE & strong NW for comp. weather

Lat 177.29 E thick & rainy 5.30 PM wind with the breeze

Middle & latter part - strong breezes with squalls weather thick & cloudy

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Bundles April 24 in boxes on 11.

Sept 32.00. Merino, 1884 & 1885 comp

20/7/58 Middle & latter part strong, breeze dying  
made all sail

Theresa Liza Emerson 1842

Sept. 3. 0. Color pink and with yellow streaks

2017639 Hall came with the sheep in

Minerals & Salts part is not complete

A. C. & Mack say: with

Wednesday, 27th Comes in with  
light breezes from E & N - we  
saw some whale fin

Course of W. in comp. near partic.  
compare with the Pacific

Oct 34. 30 Middle part light breeze 5-10 m

Feb 175. 40. Took a heavy Squall & Shift of wind from  
 N to S. Spent the day in the field but did not  
 take a single specimen. The wind was so violent  
 & rain so thick that it  
 impeded vision of it.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> comes in with rain

Apr 6, 20. At St. E. Bay sea surin & ...

Sept 4. 66. Reading Ad W for complete all  
got little part more moderate but little  
upstairs weather thick & cloudy; no precipitation  
of rain.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> comes in with rain & fog.

6. Gathering of the people in church

it changed signals with me for hours, in the  
midnight stillness, and then, when



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# 7th Expedition Toward the Arctic

Lat 39.10  
 Lo 169.20  
 Saturday April 30th Comes in  
 with light air from E & calms weather  
 fair 12 Midnight gale from N by W Ship  
 under 20 cups. Latter part smart gale

Lat 39.37  
 Lo 169.10  
 Sunday April 1st Comes in  
 with gale from N Went to new position  
 & close under 6. I. M. set main sail &  
 turned the caps out of the topsails  
 Ship heading N W for camp  
 Middle part light breeze made all  
 sail & an strong breeze fresh topgall  
 & split the fly jib by ends with strong  
 breeze

Lat 40.50  
 Lo 166.46  
 Monday May 2nd  
 Comes in with strong gale  
 from N & rugged weather & foggy  
 with the 6th ship. middle & latter part  
 & pleasant

Lat 41.10  
 Lo 166.46  
 Tuesday 3rd Comes in with  
 light air from N & I. M. calm & fresh  
 gale from S E 12 strong breeze with rain  
 latter part thick fog & rain wind from S E  
 shifted to main top sail

Lat 43.36  
 Lo 166.40  
 Wednesday May 4th Comes in  
 with strong breezes from W & N with  
 thick weather. Steering by the wind  
 heading N W for camp  
 Middle part light air from N & thick fog  
 latter part fresh gale from N E & S E  
 steering N W by N for camp  
 Shot a finback but he sunk & we  
 saw him no more

To the ... ..

Thursday May 5th

Comes in with fresh gales from the ...  
At 4530 weather ... & pleasant ...  
At 163.29 at W by N ...  
inner part squalls of hail & snow

Friday May 6th

cloudy weather ... clear & pleasant ...  
At 45.53 at Ship heading ...  
... with the ...  
Middle part ... latter part ...

Saturday May 7th

At 47.12 ... from ...  
At 160.29 heading ...  
Middle part ...  
from ... with light squalls of ...

Sunday May 8th

0 1/2

Strong ...  
... with the ...  
Middle & latter part ...  
thick clouds weather

Monday May 9th

At 48.15 Euphrates ...  
At 162.13 Ship heading ...  
Middle & latter part ...  
Ship under ...

Tuesday May 10th

10 6 1/2

Comes in with ...  
... per ...  
... latter part ...  
cloud weather ...



Tuesday, May 11th

Comes in with calm & thick weather  
icing, with all sails down  
to keep from drifting

At 29.25

with very calm, SE middle part  
thick. Latter part heavy gale from  
E & we were under close reefed main & fore  
topsails & mizzen staysails  
Thick & overcast

Thursday, May 12 comes in

with heavy gale from E with snow  
Ship lying to under stern sails on  
ice & icebergs. J. M. took in the bow boat

At 30.20

Lo 163.26

Middle part rather more moderate  
Latter set deep topsails & mizzen  
Day ends with snarl gale

Friday, May 13th

Comes in with snarl gale from N & N

At 31.40 & heavy headbeat sea & rather clear & cold

Lo 165.26

Middle part strong breezes, latter part more  
moderate made all sail

Saturday, May 14th comes in with

sun, breeze from SE & pleasant heading

At 32.37

Lo 166.10

NNE for camp in a heavy headbeat sea

one sail in sight - Middle part rather

strong & deep to Am more moderate

set whole topsails & 9 Am moderate

made all sail & calm & pleasant

headed with the icebergs

# Large Whales around the Arctic

Thursday May 15th the barometer in morning  
11.5 at 10 AM 11.5 at 5 PM 11.5 at 10 PM  
8 AM the barometer 11.5 at 10 AM 11.5 at 5 PM 11.5 at 10 PM  
12.5 at 10 PM 12.5 at 5 PM 12.5 at 10 PM  
with squalls of snow

Monday May 16th the barometer in with storm  
gales from NE & S falling up with the  
land sent in a boat in company with the  
pauline for fish but without success  
middle part blew storm rising off land on  
under the sea at the land 12.5 at 10 PM 12.5 at 5 PM 12.5 at 10 PM  
& the wind on shore gale & one boat in fishing  
12.5 at 10 PM 12.5 at 5 PM 12.5 at 10 PM  
& the wind in company 12.5 at 10 PM 12.5 at 5 PM 12.5 at 10 PM  
12.5 at 10 PM 12.5 at 5 PM 12.5 at 10 PM

Tuesday May 17th the barometer in with  
fresh breeze from NE & S falling the wind  
Lat 53.10 Behring's Island & howl of the wind to E & S  
~ 11.11 the barometer 11.5 at 10 PM 11.5 at 5 PM 11.5 at 10 PM  
the barometer 11.5 at 10 PM 11.5 at 5 PM 11.5 at 10 PM  
better part calm & the barometer 11.5 at 10 PM 11.5 at 5 PM 11.5 at 10 PM  
between Behring's & Cape in clouds

Wednesday May 18th the barometer in with  
storm breeze & thick snowstorm  
the barometer 11.5 at 10 PM 11.5 at 5 PM 11.5 at 10 PM  
the barometer 11.5 at 10 PM 11.5 at 5 PM 11.5 at 10 PM  
the barometer 11.5 at 10 PM 11.5 at 5 PM 11.5 at 10 PM  
the barometer 11.5 at 10 PM 11.5 at 5 PM 11.5 at 10 PM

Thursday May 19th the barometer in with  
Lat 58.55 the barometer 11.5 at 10 PM 11.5 at 5 PM 11.5 at 10 PM  
Lo 168.50 & better part calm & the barometer 11.5 at 10 PM 11.5 at 5 PM 11.5 at 10 PM  
the barometer 11.5 at 10 PM 11.5 at 5 PM 11.5 at 10 PM



1864 13th Mercury toward the Arctic

Friday May 20th Comes in with  
light breeze from SE & heavy swell  
at weather cloudy & I think fog ship by  
the wind heading ESE for camp.  
Middle & latter part light breeze from E  
with fog & snow

Saturday May 21st

Comes in with fresh gales from  
E & thick snowy weather - I think  
small ice taken ship several times  
being off and on with the ice  
land with the Pacific  
middle & latter part - strong breeze lies  
off & on with the ice saw the Pacific  
& two other ships saw signs of Blubber.

Sunday May 22nd Comes in  
with strong gales from E. under the reef.  
Spoke the Bk. Cicero of N Bedford  
Exchanged Signals with the Ontario  
The ice is broken up & fast going off  
Middle part - fresh breeze latter part  
light breeze from SE land with the  
Ontario Barnes N Bedford 550 lbs. gun  
& other sails unsight.

Monday 23rd Comes in with light  
breeze from SE & SE walked through the  
ice & we are now in clear water.  
Middle & latter part calm & thick weather.

Tuesday May 24th Comes in  
with light breeze from NW & calm & slight  
middle & latter part - calm & light  
breeze from E. running along the edge of the ice  
weather pleasant

The Mercury in the Kankhatka Sea

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light  
breezes from SE & SE ship working to the entrance  
Set 57.46 along the edge of the ice saw 17 ships none of them  
Set 74.30 boiling Middle & latter part fresh gale from SE & E  
stirring SE in camp

Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> Comes in with fresh gale  
from SE & SE ship under way to SE & E & blew fresh  
24 ships insight joined with the SE & E ship  
St. Louis & Henry Steamer Double St. Bar  
has been but two whales seen this season  
& SE ship ~~found~~ with thick mist & downy  
Middle & latter part gale with thick mist on  
ice in the ice under storm sail.

Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light  
Set 60.20 snow storm & gale from SE but moderate  
Middle part calm with calm  
Set 64.46 light breeze from SE & E  
gale & thick weather stirring SE & E in camp through the ice

Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> Comes in with thin  
clouds & light breeze & all clear & pleasant  
in the harbor to SW gale with one ship  
& Emily Morgan & crew  
Middle & latter part thick fog & light air & calm  
Several ships insight

Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light  
breezes from SE & SE ship under way to SE  
in under short sail  
Middle & latter part clear & calm  
saw on different sides & under short sail  
thick snow storm



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The Mercury in the ... ..

Monday May 30th

Lat 49.5  
Long 174.56

Comes in with smart gale from NNE  
Ship under storm sails lying on opposite  
locks in the ice but the ice is fast  
giving way - Pacific & four other ships  
in company. Middle part ... ..  
better part light air & clouds

Tuesday May 31st

Lat 60.00  
Long 174.47

Comes in with light air from NNE  
Lying off & on with the ice leaving you  
a chance for to get through the ice  
Middle & better part calm

Wednesday June 1st

Comes in with calm & clear weather  
Ship ... in the <sup>ice</sup> no clear water in sight  
Middle & better part <sup>very</sup> calm & light air  
from ENE & thick weather -

Thursday June 2nd

Comes in with light breeze from ENE within  
our way through the ice on opposite locks  
Middle & better part strong breeze & fine  
weather -

Friday June 3rd

Comes in with strong gales from NNE  
Ship in the ice under short sail about 12 ships  
in sight Middle & better part thick fog &  
mist

Saturday 4th

Comes in with  
fresh breeze from NNE & thick weather the  
ice as formidable as ever  
Middle part the same better part strong gales  
from NNE & clear kept off to the S to try and  
beat down the ice

13th October, Kaulha, Sec.

Monday June 5th comes in with a heavy

Lat 66.11 from 10.40 the vessel is in the ice  
Lo 172.10 through the ice middle & latter part  
& pleasant

Monday June 6th comes in with light  
winds from NNE & clear pleasant weather

Lat 66.17 Ground with the East London Middle  
Lo 172.40 part calm & pleasant

Tuesday June 7th comes in with

Lat 66.31 calm & light winds from NNE & SSW  
Lo 173.04 the ice to NNE Middle part fresh breeze  
lighter part calm & pleasant

Wednesday June 8th comes in with a calm  
weather we are in the ice & all the water

Lat 66.27 in ice at 10 & don't know where there will be  
Lo 172.31 Middle part light winds & thin thick fog  
Ship block solid in the ice  
Low winds with calm weather & clear  
got the ship in broken water

Thursday June 9th comes in with  
light winds from NNE & SSW clear weather  
through the ice Ground with the East London  
Middle & latter part light winds from NNE  
Lat 2 Am the East London came to anchor  
& made signals for us we saw her  
& chased for some time & finally she was  
lost - Struck & broken up - She was  
the first - I don't know if there was another

Friday June 10th comes in with light winds  
Lat 66.37 Ground with the East London Middle  
Lo 174.30 ships in the ice middle part foggy  
clear with light winds & clear weather  
through the ice



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# The Mercury Hunt-Chart

Saturday June 11th

Lat 60 48  
 Long 174.10

Came in with light breeze from  
 SW & calm with pleasant weather  
 & took 2 small ships of ice  
 from NE & blue lead pulled the ship  
 & ran the ship to under fore & main staysail  
 11. The moderate set - It kept to east  
 the ice is heavy & closely packed  
 Middle part calm & 9 am light air  
 from SSW working through the ice

Sunday 12th Fine weather  
 The Ontario & the California along with  
 when in the ice

Lat 60 40

The Cape Horn Pigeon & Cow Hound  
 in company with me. The ice looks more  
 open & S-SE we got into clear  
 water & now we are booming for  
 Cape St. Charles with a spanking  
 breeze from S & fine weather  
 to midnight came up to the ice &  
 made black weather thick. Little time  
 took for working the ship into the ice  
 & took the Ontario

Monday 13th Came in with light  
 breeze. The ship into the ice in company  
 with the Cow Hound & the latter part

Lat 61 47  
 Long 175.40

we cleared up. Capt Hornum came aboard  
 & we kept off to the westward & entered  
 with light breeze from SE & fine weather

18th March off Cape Horn

Tuesday June 14th Comes in with light air  
from SE & thick weather saw several whales  
lowered & caught one 3 PM thick fog cannot see  
6 ships length Middle & latter part light air  
very calm 12 PM light breeze from SE

Wednesday 15th Comes in with fresh gale  
SW & thick fog Captain Homan still onboard  
my ship 7 PM fog lifted & we saw the land  
Capt Homan went onboard  
Middle & latter part fresh breeze & thick fog 12 PM  
saw the land 10 miles dist saw great many seals  
& walrus Employed stowing my powder tier in the forenoon

Thursday 16th Comes in with light air  
from SE & thick fog & calm steering NE by E per compass  
3 PM come up to the ice & were ship to land getting  
in to it Middle & latter part light air & thick fog

Friday 17th Comes in with light air  
E NE & thick fog 4 PM fog lighted for 6 pm  
moments saw the Antarctic & Cape Horn  
saw some ice but apparently scattered 7 PM  
with the bars howland Middle & latter part  
light air calm & thick fog

Saturday 18th Comes in with calm & fine day  
Middle & latter part thick fog

Sunday June 19th Comes in as above  
fine day

Monday June 20th Comes in as above & light fog  
saw up river whale boat on beach 1 PM  
a whale & drawn on beach 2 PM  
saw the boat & boatmen then I went down  
took him down & set him in the bay





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3<sup>d</sup> Mercury Kamtschatka Sea

Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup> Comes in with  
calms Saw but few whales 3 PM thick fog  
Middle part - the same 6 AM whales came  
around the ship. lowered & got one to the  
Bow boat - Day ends with thick fog

Wednesday 22<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
calms & thick fog 3 PM finished cutting  
6 fog cleared up saw the Land Cape  
Savarin being 14 by 6 15 miles Dist  
started the works saw the California  
Boiling saw three other sails.  
5 AM lowered our boats for whales & got  
one to the main boat

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Comes in with  
fresh gales (from S.W. & S.E. finished  
cutting one whale. There is now a  
large number of ships in sight - & our  
chance for another whale is strong.  
but I live in hopes of getting another  
tomorrow Middle part fresh breeze  
latter part strong breeze from S.W.  
& Ruygen Saw a few whales & three ships  
got whales

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Comes in  
with strong breeze from S.W. & Ruygen  
employed boiling & chasing well whales  
Middle & latter part - gale from S.W. & Ruygen  
employed boiling dense fog through middle  
& latter part

Pk. Noreen 10 p.m. 21st

Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Cornes in with gale from S.W. & thick fog  
middle part cleared up saw 6 sails morning

Set 63.18 boiling Day ends with rugged weather  
So 177.48 W. Spoke the Isabella Winslow & whales

Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> West London

Cornes in with strong gales from S. & rays  
staring off to N.E. Employed boiling  
middle & latter part thick fog. Stowed down 1/2 bbls  
of oil in Main hold also employed boiling

Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> Cornes in with thick  
fog lying aback waiting for the fog to clear  
up & carried 4 Calaveras & 100 lbs of  
Redful & got late papers up 11th Ma

Day ends with fog  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Cornes in with thick fog  
middle & latter part the same gale & fog  
& stowed down our oil to amt of 12 bbls  
hold Day ends with thick fog

Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup>

Cornes in with thick fog waiting for the  
fog to clear up so as to get on the water  
middle part the same & am saw the  
own the fog off Cape Henry & clear up  
Day ends with clear weather - Saw 5 ships

Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup>

Cornes in with calm & cloudy weather  
ground with the fog cleared Capt. Lawrence  
saw the California with five heavy gun boats  
with 3 also saw the ship Santa Rosa  
on the water at 10 p.m.



Thursday June 30th

Came in with thick fog & calm  
 11 AM - fog cleared & took a light from SW  
 after light - fog - air from SW with clear weather  
 5 AM made St Lawrence Island bearing E 2 1/2 miles  
 dist & shaped our course through the shoals  
 & sails under way

Friday July 1st -

Came in with thick weather steering  
 N 60 E for camp soon came up with in  
 ice - fog off & on the remainder of the  
 day in thick fog

Saturday 2nd Came in as above  
 & continued through the day

Sunday 3rd Came in with clear  
 for 10 AM heard whales blowing low in  
 the distance but proved to be belugas  
 3 AM fog lifted saw 8 sails & clear water to the  
 West of us were ship to the West & soon came in a  
 clear water middle part - that for 10 AM clear at  
 saw the Linné Islands bearing N 60 E 36 miles dist  
 & Cape East bearing N 30 miles dist

Monday July 4th Came in with thick  
 cloudy weather 2 PM raining & fresh gales from  
 N E we are working up to Cape East under all sail  
 6 AM 34 middle part - calm with thick fog after 11 AM  
 6 AM 35 saw Southern ice 12 miles distant & old ice in  
 middle part of Cape East thus for in  
 Behring Straits in a dense fog

# Pk Mercure Arctic Ocean

July 5th Comes in with strong breeze from N & N.W. faster ship. A S.W. low breeze from the N.W. whole saw a great many whales. Middle part thick fog. At 10.06 with thick fog. At 11.00 up saw the dome of the Cape East saw three sails. Day overcast with strong wind & thick haze weather.

Wednesday July 6th Comes in with strong breeze from N & N.W. strong by the wind heading N.W. at 6.55 in company Middle & latter part thick fog. At 171.18

Thursday July 7th Comes in with fresh gale from N.W. & thick fog. Steady by the wind on opposite bank working to the northward. Middle part thick fog. At 171.18 clear up. Saw the ice to the N & W of us. Day overcast with fresh gale & pleasant weather.

Friday July 8th Comes in with strong breeze from N.W. & N.E. with weather & fresh gale from N.W. & N.E. saw with the S.W. West Timber & whistles & all come on board & kept off to the southward for the night. At 171.25 heard of a number of whales going into the ice. 10 ships in sight. Middle part clear & pleasant. At 171.50 latter part thick fog. At 172.00 took the Cape East all the way & with the S.W. breeze to N.W. direction.

Saturday July 9th Comes in with light breeze from N.W. & N.E. with strong S.E. along the ice. At 172.00 hauled on the ice. Middle part clear & pleasant. At 172.10 thick fog. At 172.20



# 3d Mercury Arctic Ocean

Sunday July 10th Comes in with  
fresh breezes & from N.W. & thick fog  
Middle part - light breezes & pleasant  
latter part - thick fog lying about to  
the ice

Monday July 11th  
Comes in with thick fog & light  
breezes from S.E. & gone with the "Mapashudett"  
Guns of St. Bellfou 2 whales this season & ends with 7.

Tuesday July 12th comes in as above  
6 P.M. cleared up. Saw 6 ships gone with the  
Arwid & Mito no whales has been seen  
since the 3rd of this month middle part -  
fresh breezes & pleasant - latter part - strong gales  
& thick fog blown down the ground ice & after  
dark on Harbour side

Wednesday July 13th Comes in  
with smart gale from N.W. heading N.E. & strong  
under. all rips & courses furled. Middle & latter  
part - gale from S. & thick weather

Thursday July 14th Comes in with gale from  
N. & thick weather. Saw some heavy flocks of ice  
Several ships in sight. 11. P.M. close up the ice  
is. & no more - day ends with a gale

Friday July 15th Comes in with the same  
as above. Middle part - thick fog 9 A.M. cleared up  
Saw Cape Lisburne bearing N.E. 18 miles distant  
day ends with strong gales

# Bk Mercury Arctic Ocean

Saturday July 16th Come in with  
strong gales from N but smooth sea  
but the wind is light

Lat 69.00

at 17.00. Weather not much improved, pleasant some boats in the ice to look for whales. Found 6 dead  
whale towns near to the ship & cut him in

Sunday July 17th Come in with clear  
pleasant weather. Finished cutting one whale &  
started the works. Capt Lovison of St. Lawrence

Lat 69.05 of Honolulu come on board a few moments

Lat 69.22

' Middle & latter part light air & pleasant  
10 Am. sent the boat in the ice to look for whales  
saw one but going fast 12. A finished cutting  
whale yielded 40. bbls - Capt Brandle of the  
Coast come on board a few moments

Lat 69.05 Monday July 18th Come in with light air

Lat 66.50

from N & cutting with very pleasant weather  
middle part - pleasant some light air  
from N. Pleasant & smooth sea in ice & cut  
60 bbls

Tuesday July 19th Come in  
with fresh cut from N & pleasant sea  
& great many ships landed with the Coasts  
the part thick fog

Wednesday July 20th Come in  
with fresh cut from N & light breeze  
from N. Fine with thick fog  
& hidden & the sea is very

Thursday July 21st Come in with fresh  
cut & calm. Light breeze from N. Fine  
& Middle part clear & pleasant but  
light sea from N. Fine & calm



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# The Mercury Arctic Ocean

Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup> Comes in with light breeze from SE & thick fog Middle & latter part light air & variable

Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> Comes in with light breeze from SW & thick fog joined with the Emily Morgan & Cori. Howland Middle & latter part light air & clearly saw one Bowhead. Got 7 Walrus

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light breeze & pleasant. At PM thick fog Middle & latter part - thudane with strong breeze from SE & rain.

Monday July 25<sup>th</sup>  
Comes in with gale from SE & thick rainy weather  
 Lat 69.28 lying on short-tacks among the ice  
 Long 168.09 Middle & latter part - gale & thick fog 12 fog lighter for a few moments

Tuesday July 26<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
 Lat 69.48 a gale from SE & thick weather Middle part  
 Long 169.19 thudane. 4 AM wind hauled to SW latter part raged & rising

Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
 Lat 69.40 thick cloudy weather & fresh breeze from SE  
 Long 170.15 made all sail at PM. Pleasers saw two whales going in to the ice. Middle & latter part - gale from SE

Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup> Comes in with strong  
 Lat 69.50 breeze from SE & PM from SW kept off for the  
 Long 170.63 straits. Middle & latter part strong gale from SW with snow & rain 12 came up to the ice which has come down from the North

# Bk Mercury Arctic Ocean

Friday July 29<sup>th</sup> Comes in with strong gale  
from N.W. with frequent snow squalls. Steady breeze  
for Behring straits. Middle part of the day  
S. Sea made the diomedes islands seen 1st time in  
sail & kept on the wind to N.W.  
S. Sea passed the diomedes to the south & kept  
our view for St Lawrence Is.

Day ends with strong gale & heavy rain

Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> Comes in with strong gale  
from N.W. with frequent snow squalls. Steady breeze  
Nothing on this ground saw the same islands as yesterday  
Middle part of the day strong breeze from N.W. & kept  
5 km. back by the wind 12 miles N of Behring point  
& back & stood to N.W. & N.E. in company

Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup> Comes in with strong gale  
from N.W. & N.E. in company off St Lawrence  
Boring N 15° W Day saw the ice making across to the coast  
miles back Sea ran off to the Eastward 20 miles to the new makes  
from Cape East to the diomedes & very heavy  
Middle & latter part strong breeze from N.W.  
Saw the Brig Colva

Monday July & August 1<sup>st</sup> Comes in with strong  
gale from N.W. with thick weather  
Middle part calm latter part light breeze from  
S.W. heavy N.W. W. breeze in latter part &  
cloudy some snow & rain

Tuesday Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> Comes in with strong  
S.W. calm & light rain from S.W.  
Middle & latter part strong gale from S.W.  
fog & rain



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## BR Mercury Arctic Ocean

Wednesday Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> comes in  
 with strong gales from N E & N N E  
 steering N N W for comp weather thick  
 & cloudy Middle & latter part becoming  
 good with the Breeze of Honolulu  
 making this season

at in last  
 69.35-  
 Long 176.00

Thursday Aug 4<sup>th</sup>

comes in with fresh breezes from N &  
 N W steering along the ice saw three  
 whales but only one rising they were  
 going fast toward the Island  
 Middle part fresh breezes latter part the same  
 saw several ships sailing but saw no whales

Lat 69.35-  
 Long 176.00

Friday Aug 5<sup>th</sup>

comes in with strong breezes from N N W  
 lying off & on with the ice & going in as  
 far as I could get but saw nothing but ship  
 of which there is over 30 in sight & a few barrels  
 middle part moderate wind hauled to S E  
 Am cruise whales lowered for them but they  
 went in the ice - Day ends with strong breeze

Saturday Aug 6<sup>th</sup> comes in with strong  
 gales from E S E & head beat saw we are  
 working to the windward to clear the ice  
 several ships in sight but none of  
 them whaling It is a dry look as yet  
 middle part calm thick weather saw one whale

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Sunday Aug 7<sup>th</sup> comes in with much  
 weather Middle part clear & light breezes  
 from E to N latter part strong breezes  
 & thick weather

# Arctic Ocean

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Monday Aug 8th Comes in with strong  
gales from N. E. the weather still of old  
7 AM smart gale & calm down. The day is  
& thick fog till night air & thick mist & rain  
2 boats

Tuesday Aug 9th Comes in with fog & rain  
from N. E. calm till morning. Saw some ice  
the ice to look for whales but saw none as the fog  
came in & we had to look for the ship

at 7.11.11. While in the ice we saw some  
at 16.5.50 in clear & pleasant weather - saw some  
spoken to day several ships from the Cape but  
there is no whales here & it is not known where  
to find them

## Wednesday Aug 10th

at 10.15 3 PM light air from N. E. we are going  
to 164.30 to get to the E. & E. but have been kept  
of it. Middle & latter part thick fog & rain  
bays from N. 12.11.11. The Cape Horn

## Thursday Aug 11th

Comes in with thick fog & strong breeze from  
N. & P.M. fog lifted & cruise whales found  
& got - one in company with the last one  
Saw several all going N. E. & E. but did not go  
close on and started at one but did not go  
fast - middle & latter part light breeze & rain  
saw two ships sailing N. E. spoke both engines  
sailing for the Cape

Friday 12th Comes in with cloudy weather  
Saw no whales today. Saw some ice  
a fine lot of ducks, geese, swans  
middle & latter part light breeze & rain  
had good weather for cruising but did not  
to day & spent at night and are tomorrow  
to have a good

at 7.1.10  
at 6.5.10



## 73<sup>rd</sup> Mercury Arctic Ocean

Saturday Aug 13<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light breeze & some squalls of fog - insight boiling

Middle & latter part thick fog got a lot of water off the ice have done nothing to day

Sunday Aug 14<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light air from S & this fog 7 P.M. cleared up for a few miles kept the ship off to S & E Middle part - thin fog 9 A.M. fog lighted for a few moments saw three bowheads but fog came in again & saw none of them Day ends with calm & thick fog

at 71.00  
161.40 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Comes in as above 4 P.M. fog lighter saw five bowheads chased them in the ice & gave them up as the ice was so near we could not get through it & the fog came in thick also Middle part - thick fog latter part the same

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Comes in with thick fog 2 P.M. cleared up saw two or three whale whales 6 P.M. lowered the boats & got a snuffsh digger & cut him in Middle & latter part - calm & pleasant - saw quite a number of whales going fast to S & W

at 70.35  
161.60 Wednesday Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Comes in with calm & pleasant weather good show of whales but on 2 more Gov. Thos. Gov. Howland & 6 Bar in insight middle & latter part the same  
Boiled out our whale

## Winter Ocean

Lat 70.33  
Lo 166.44

August 18th Comes in with light breeze  
E & SE Steady 170 per Comp. saw 1 whale  
whales to day 5 ships in sight  
7 PM thick fog. 1 PM light better part with  
gales from N & S seasons

Friday Aug 19th Comes in with light breeze  
from N Steady down the ice to the  
low the Cars Howlands boats get a whale  
& another ship cutting ahead. latter part not so  
much from N

Saturday Aug 20th Comes in with light  
breeze from N E being black for the fog to clear away go  
with the Joseph Maxwell Fair Haven 2 whales  
7 PM fog lighter saw two ships sailing  
Middle part thick & cloudy latter part thin fog  
breeze from N E saw one whale

Sunday Aug 21st Comes in with light breeze  
& calm A PM fog lighter for a few minutes then dark  
Middle & latter part the same

Monday Aug 22nd  
Thick P M

Tuesday Aug 23rd Comes in with light breeze  
A PM thick fog but a new storm ahead  
see for a while

Wednesday 24th Comes in with light breeze  
down the ice is very quiet to the west  
in the sea 7 PM thin fog for a while  
1 PM rain with light breeze to get a whale  
& take care of the boat



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# Arctic Ocean

Thursday Aug 25<sup>th</sup>

set 76. 30  
set 67. 30

Comes in with strong gales from  
SW under whole topsails working up  
the ice & PK lowered for whales but could  
not strike calm & snowsqualls middle part  
thesame & Am lowered for whales but being calm  
could not get near them

by ends with calm thick weather

Friday Aug 26<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with calm weather saw & chased  
a few wild whales Middle part - strong breeze  
little part gale from SE & thick rain storm  
Spoke to Parvite Youngs Far Haven looking as  
if he had been in the ice & got a severe drubbing

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Comes in as above lying to  
under short sail Middle part - moderate with  
thick fog & rain Little part - thesame

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light breeze  
from ESE 3 PM fog lighter saw a bark cutting  
no one ship visible Middle & latter part - heavy rain & fog

Monday Aug 29<sup>th</sup> Comes in with gusty breeze  
from SW & SE with thick fog & rain  
Middle part - thesame latter part - thick snow storm  
saw one whale going quick to windward

Tuesday Aug 30<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with strong gales from SW &  
fog & snow All the 24 hours gale from SW &  
thick snow storm

Heavy sea off from the ice

# Arctic Ocean

Wednesday Aug 31 Come in with fog  
 on NW & thick sunken ship lying on the bottom  
 Luck is clear the ice ship it will be better weather  
 soon so as we can get a whale Middle part  
 middle latter part still more moderate weather  
 a fine ship but no better chance to get away from the  
 ice

Thursday Sept 1st Come in with fog  
 breeze from NW & thick weather sun obscured  
 ran her boats down middle part light NW & calm  
 latter part fresh gales from SE saw the Cape Horn  
 Figure got a whale but saw none more  
 Fog ends with thick weather

Friday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> Come in with thick  
 cloudy weather 4.5. H. spoke 7. H. H. H. H. H.  
 Lo 170.45 Macomber late Dal. 2 whales  
 Middle & latter part strong gales from SE & rain  
 rain storm 12 partially clear

Saturday Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> Come in with strong  
 gales from NW & thick fog standing off the ice  
 the ice Middle part light breeze & calm  
 latter part gale from SE & thin ice  
 spoke the Camilla 8 whales

Sunday Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Come in with fog  
 SE & thick rising weather under it  
 heading to the Eastward spoke 1. H. H. H. H. H.  
 7 Am there were the greatest wind & rain  
 of weather of the month in standing in  
 latter part the heavy fog gradually clearing  
 weather then rising



# BK Murray Arctic Ocean

Monday Sept 5th Comes in with gale from NNE but  
 Lat-68.41 moderating fast. 6 PM moderate set - all up to sail  
 Lo 171.23 weather thick & rainy. Middle part calm & rising  
 latter part light air from SE & calms. Saw  
 & chased several wild whales but without success

Tuesday Sept 6th Comes in with  
 Lat-68.33 light air from NE & ships in sight - saw  
 Lo 170.40 two whales lowered for them but saw them  
 no more. Middle part fog & rain day light.  
 raised wheels lowered the boats but they proved  
 to be false. Ends with light breeze

Wednesday 7th. Comes in with  
 Lat-68.34 Light breeze & thick fog at intervals  
 Lat-68.40 Sailed with the Comille Thompson  
 8 whales. Middle & latter part light air  
 from SE & calms.

Thursday Sept 8th  
 Comes in with light air from SE  
 Steaming in for Cape Lisbon made the land  
 at 4 PM 45 miles off. Middle part calm  
 latter part gale from SE & thick rain storm  
 Cape Lisburne in sight - at 12 M 15 miles distant

Friday Sept 9th Comes in with  
 gale from SE & thick rising weather  
 on the Starboard took heading to NNE  
 Middle part strong breeze & rain  
 latter part moderate breeze from ESE &  
 thick rain storm heavy swell from E

# Arctic Ocean

Saturday Sept-10th Comes in with

at 70.00 fresh leugs from N E to S. M. in hand

Lo 164.20 weather thick & rising. Middle part in, & equally entire part then comes in, & is in

Sunday Sept 11.

Comes in with moderate leugs from N E

Sept 71.12.5 Pk spoke & game with the Commilla

Lo 164.33 Steered off to the South-east

Middle part light leugs latter fresh gales & pleasant

Steering N W by S for company

Monday Sept-12th Comes in as above

1 Pk thick fog. 3 for lighter saw the ice & came

up to it - & kept off to S E in company with

the Commilla with some other boats

& had one driven up instead of some other

It seems to be a hard matter for us to get to the ice

& I suppose we shall have to go out of the ice

without guessing the near of an ice

Middle & other part strong gales & rough sea  
the Commilla got a little

Tuesday 13th Comes in with strong gales

& rough 3 Pk twice whales taken & got one

to the main boat & the other along side

& it is now out in

latter part moderate no whales

12 boats in a whale & got him to the boat

1st boat got the whale

Wednesday 14th moderate leugs

from N E cut in one whale

got it then leugs moderate & latter part

leugs heavy from S E



# Bk Mercury Arctic Ocean

Thursday Sept 13<sup>th</sup>

Came in with heavy gale from N & E  
at 7.35. Heavy sea employed boiling. Cannell  
ing 166.00 in company with us saw him take a  
whale yesterday

8 blew heavy & we are obliged to cool down  
middle part blew heavy with bad sea  
latter part - smart gale from N & saw whales

Friday Sept 16<sup>th</sup> Came in with  
Smart gale from N & thick cloudy weather  
have seen a number of whales around the  
ship but cannot put the boats in the water  
Ship under close reef 1 P M started  
the works but it is so rigged we cannot  
get much oil Middle part - blew heavy  
in squalls with snow This morning  
the Capt & crew appeared to us out  
of a snowsquall had not got anything  
since I saw him last  
day ends with smart gale & awful sea

W's Obs

Saturday Sept 17<sup>th</sup> Came in  
with gale from N & thick snowy weather  
I fear we shall get drifted away from all  
the whales before the gale is over  
Middle part - heavy squalls 7 AM more moderate  
started the works 12 calm calm & thick fog gone  
with the Capt & crew saw two whales

C Obs

Sunday Sept 18<sup>th</sup> Came in with calm  
& thick fog Employed boiling Middle part light  
breezes on the ship off N & E daylight - raised whales  
lowered & took one to the Larboard boat  
day ends Calm plenty of whales

at 10.45

to 167.10

## Arctic Ocean

Monday Sept 19th Comes in with calm weather  
8 PM finished cutting & lowered our line & got a  
whale to the Waist boat - 7 PM took  
& at 2 AM finished cutting. Middle part like the  
from 18 & 4 PM better part the same place as before  
this morning employed cleaning up deck.

Tuesday Sept 20th

Came in with some breeze from the  
we have seen no whales to date. The  
Cous & Gouldland cutting & Gouldland  
I am inclined to get the whale tomorrow  
Let 76.02 weather - as the season is so late  
Let 166.00 have but a few days at the most to get  
Middle part from rings & tail of whale  
lowered & took on to the Waist boat & took in  
& at 8 PM finished cutting. Lower part of whale  
& whale & draw

Saw the Cous & Gouldland cut one or two whales

Wednesday Sept 21st light variable winds

Let 76.01 & some snow employed cutting

Let 165.13 Got a whale to the Waist boat

& cut him in. The weather is fine & I am  
inclined to get three or four whales more

Let 76.48 Thursday Sept 22nd Comes in with light  
breeze from the west with light squalls of snow  
Hove down 144 lbs of Oil in black barrel  
have seen plenty of whales to date but  
was busy & did not pay any attention to them



# BR Mercury Arctic. Ocean

Friday Sept 23rd

Corned in with light airs & calms with frequent squalls of snow  
Got a small whale to the waist-boat - saw a good many whales but they were not still cut in our whale finished at sundown

No Obs

Saturday Sept 24th

Corned in with light breezes Employed stowing down saw a few whales but got quick to windward lowered my boat - but did not strike stowed down 112 bls in fore hold saw the ice & I think it works to the south

not in by art

70.50

to 165.00

Sunday Sept 25th Strong gales with snow & blew down ship under fore reef main top sail Employed birling & stowing down we have filled the fore hold on both sides out to the hatch & chucked off the hatch for good

No Obs

Monday Sept 26th Corned in with calms

No Obs

not in by art

70.45

to 165.15

& thick fog 2 PM fog lighter with light air from SE saw one whale but blown away by - Employed birling & looking out for ice Day ends with fog rain & calm

Tuesday Sept 27 Corned in with thick

71.06

to 165.16

very weather & fresh gales from NE got a whale to the waist-boat & cut him in better part strong gales & rugga

Wednesday 28th begins with smart gale

to 169.10

to 169.15

from NE with snow squalls steering SE 10 A rapid SE 1/4 S blow heavy fresh breeze close reef main & have to go the fore part back and down ice

Ship Mercury Bound for St. Francisco

Thursday Sept-29<sup>th</sup> Comes in with heavy gale  
from N.E. & has been 12 M. more moderate  
I & M made a set of 21 cup topsails & gennets  
& stuns S.E. by E. 7 P.M. Moderate set whole topsails

Friday Sept-30<sup>th</sup> Comes in with moderate breeze from  
N.E. 9 Am altered our course & shape for the straits  
Lat-68.32 Stowed down 100 bbls of oil in the main hold  
So 169.20 this afternoon we have seen a quantity of drift  
ice & I fear we shall have trouble in passing the  
straits - We are employed boiling on our last whole  
batter part light breeze

Saturday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Comes in with light  
breeze & cloudy 1/2 past midnight - have a quantity  
of ice & Am we kept off to S.E. by E. which was  
weather all through the day with some rain. Stowed  
off the Main hatch Stowed down 80 bbls. We shall  
be boiling to night - We have had no observation today  
& we cannot see the land which must be our coast  
7 P.M. sounded in 29 fms. & saw a small island  
the Southward

Sunday Oct 2<sup>th</sup> Comes in with fresh gale from  
N.W. We lie about the latter part of the night & are  
running on to the diomede - being that I am  
I am kept off to S.E. by E. & have the diomede  
The weather being thick could not see the diomede  
much up with them. We have been the whole  
day employed charring up the decks as well as  
boiling & putting corks below & repairing & patching  
the Kamtschatka Sea when we entered the straits  
S.P.M. South head of St. Lawrence Bay has been



The Mercury, San Francisco

Monday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Comes in with light  
breezes from N & thick snowy weather  
5 Am sighted St Lawrence Island  
5 miles dist & the natives come off  
& we hauled sheet for them & short time  
10 calm calm At 5 PM light breeze from  
SW with snow 5 PM took a heavy squall  
Cutt all hands & furled the light sails & the  
main sail & were ship. to clear St Lawrence  
Island. We are now in the Kantoblectha Sea  
& I am in hopes we may have a pleasant  
passage down through the Fox Islands

Tuesday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light  
breezes from SSE heading SW in calm 10 Am  
calm We are employed stowing down the  
west-end of the oil in amt 80 bbls between decks  
Calm all through the day & cloudy could  
get no observations South end of St Lawrence  
Island bore E N E 40 miles  
At 1 PM we are heading now a light breeze from  
N E & I hope it will continue

Wednesday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Comes in with fresh  
gales from N E & cloudy Employed clearing up  
decks & getting ready for rough weather  
& At 1 PM hauled up my mainsail for a Bark to round down  
but he took no notice of me & I squared away &  
left him to go his own way we get no observations  
now a day & I guess we shall have to feel our way through  
the Fox Islands

# BB Mercury Toward St. Lawrence

Thursday Oct 6th Comes in with strong breeze from N & NE steering SE by S & S by E for the 2 page gun with the 72 lb gun & coral & coral. The weather is thick & raining & we can get no observation. I hope it will clear up so as to give us an opportunity of getting an observation before we get to the Fox Islands.

Friday Oct 7th Comes in with fresh breeze from NE & thick rainy weather. I am calm. I took a ship of wood in a squall from NW steered SE by S & S by E. 2 AM gun with the 72 lb gun & coral the coral & got 7 whales. Steered from the Pacific with 9 or 10 whales and several other ships doing well. Looked for the Fox Islands.

Saturday 8th Comes in with strong breeze from NE & thick rainy weather. Steered SE by S & S by E. Thick & raining through the day. Looked for the Fox Islands in company we can get no observation. The sun does not show herself at all.

Sunday Oct 9th Comes in with fresh breeze from NW & heavy squalls of rain are run off through the day untill 5 PM when we lost in sight & rain. Steered SE by S & S by E. Log 172.40 to under the close reef topsails in a heavy rain. At midnight blew heavy & we are close to the land. The ship is making bad weather.

Monday Oct-10th Comes in with heavy rain but gradually moderating. Steered SE by S & S by E on the East side of the 72 page. Looked for the Fox Islands through a narrow passage. Looked for the Fox Islands & now we are again in the broad South Pacific. Looked for the Fox Islands & now we are again in the broad South Pacific. Ship under all sail & we are now making the Fox Islands & in view of the land.



## Th. Mercury Toward St. Francisco

Tuesday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Comes in with strong  
breezes from SE & thick fog 7 AM wind hauled to  
S 50.35 S W 9 fog cleared up saw the Coral & Wm C Nye  
Lo 169.35 Bottom Thick cloudy weather through the day  
staring S E & E & hear sea on our beam  
but the Mercury gets through finely & is very  
dry on deck

Wednesday Oct 12<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with strong breezes from SE & heavy  
swell ship rocking heavy course E p. comp.

Wm C Nye & Coral insight-

This afternoon the wind is light with paper  
clouds but the swell keeps up from S W 9<sup>th</sup>

Long 166.35 & the mercury launches heavy occasionally

We are pumping ship tonight from about  
1800 storks of water in her which is something  
altogether new as we never pumped over 500  
before & seldom over two. There must have  
been a good deal of water gone down the hatches  
or the ship has sprung a leak

Thursday Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light  
of rain & shift of wind from W to S W 7 AM heavy  
squall of wind & rain Storm more moderate

at 47 28 Wind from W S W employed sweeping some ships coal  
Long 162.25 & Wm C Nye insight-

We find that the ship has more leak than common  
but that the water of yesterday went through the  
hatches All ends with thick cloudy weather

Friday Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light  
air & calm & thick clouds 7 AM calm 11 light  
breeze from SE & S W fresh gale with light squalls  
of rain Employed cleaning some

# Bk Mercury Toward St Francisco

No Obs

Saturday Oct-15th Comes in with thick fog & rain through the day 8 PM light air from NW midnight clear breeze fresh to gale

No Obs

Sunday Oct-16th Comes in with strong gale from NW thick overcast weather 5 AM commenced to blow in squalls 10 blew heavy from NW per ... topsail sheet clewline hauled & weather freshened we finally secured the sail rose over rigging & ... hauled the main sail Day ends with heavy gale per ... topsail & close reefed main

Monday 17th The gale continues with increased violence turn up the Starboard boat The sea runs mountains high & the ship heaves heavy but still has little water Day ends with heavy gale & broken clouds better part set for topsail

Lat 42.40

L 148.10

Tuesday 18th Comes in with gale from NW gradually moderating 2 AM set for sail 7 made all sail The sea is still high & the ... Day ends with moderate gale from NW with paper clouds 8 PM light breeze from SE 12 heavy squalls of wind & rain till 10 PM & fresh breeze & jibs

Lat 43.00

L 148.00

Wednesday Oct 19th Comes in with heavy squalls of rain & rain from SE 6 AM ... all sail 10 calm with light breeze & ... 1 PM calm & pleasant 5 PM light breeze from SE 8 PM ... clearing breeze from SE 10 PM ... the ship's ...

Thursday Oct 20th Comes in with light air from NW Middle part fresh gale with paper clouds employed clearing & ... The wind begins to clear & we now have a smooth sea



# Bk Mercury Toward St-Francisco

Friday Oct-21<sup>st</sup> - Comes in with fresh gales from S.E. & smooth sea first part - fog & drizzle in latter part overcast with thick clouds Employed washing line The wind is creeping us as to our course but I hope it will let up soon as we shall after two or three days be drawing near the coast off California

Saturday 22<sup>th</sup> Comes in with fresh gales from S.E. with Pearly clouds course E 1/2 S by compass Sea & Bark standing to the Northward At 10 AM strong gales with squalls ship under all sail Day ends thus same more good day before we get in & we will make a first

Sunday Oct-23<sup>rd</sup> Comes in with fresh breezes from S 2 AM strong breezes from W 5 AM from W & W with pleasant weather Course E 1/2 S by compass Sea & Bark standing to the Northward At 10 AM strong gales with squalls ship under all sail Day ends thus same more flying before a pleasant gale

Monday Oct-24<sup>th</sup> Comes in with strong breezes from N.W. & fine weather 8 AM light breeze with freshing clouds 1 PM calm & light breeze from W we are employed washing & brushing line Day ends with very light breeze

Tuesday Oct-25<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light breezes from S with overcast clouds with light squally rain had trouble with one of my men & put him in irons finished working on our line kindly strong breezes 5 PM light breeze Day ends with fresh breezes from S.E. with thick clouds

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The Mercury Toward S. Francisco

Wednesday Oct 26th. Arrived in small bay  
from S.E. heading E. & camp 6 AM. Just before  
the land off Redago 2 PM being 8 miles from shore  
saw a small village on a plain also saw a number  
standing to south. All hands employed making ship.  
James Bonaldson & Murdoch Stuart exposed and put  
them in irons & put them below.

Thick clouds & some sprinkling of rain through the day.

8 AM. All hands were 10 made the light on the mountains.

Howled about till dark.

Thursday Oct 27th. Arrived in with the light on  
the stern up on the side of the land. The light on the  
& A. H. came a number of the part of the mountain.



## 36 Mercu Toward Honolulu

Wednesday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1841

Pleasant & calm At 5 AM took the Sloop  
and went out to sea & 5 AM discharged the  
crew & made sail with strong breeze from  
the eastward S.W. for comp.

Thursday Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

Came in with strong gale from W &  
saw the boat in sight strong gale  
in day & night from

Friday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Came in with  
gale from N.W. & heavy sea strong S.W.  
in comp. Middle & latter part the same

Found the ship looking badly

Saturday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Strong gale from N.W. & heavy  
Came S.W. for comp. Calm in company small  
in latter part more moderate weather - cloudy  
at 10 AM Ship looking badly

Sunday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> moderate  
gale from N.W. & rain with the boat  
in sight cloudy weather at 10 AM Found the  
ship looking 18.0 strokes in 24 hours

Monday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Came in with calm  
breeze from N.E. & cloudy weather can get no  
observations Ship looking badly about 18.00 strokes  
in 24 hours

Tuesday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Came in with fresh  
gale from N.E. & E. & wind E. & rain  
since clouds & sun obscured the most of  
the time up to 13.00 strokes  
in 24 hours

# 130 Mercury Toward Honolulu

Wednesday Dec 21st - Comes in with strong gales from S & E with piling clouds, coral reef  
 1. All changed our course from NW to NW 1/2 W  
 Ship looking 1400 strokes through the day

Thursday Dec 22/64 Comes in with fresh gales from S & E & piling clouds steering NW 1/2 W, 11 miles  
 under company with the boat

Day ends with fresh gales - Ship look 1200 strokes  
 I hope it will not increase so as to make us any more trouble

Friday Dec 23rd Comes in with light breezes from S & E steering NW 1/2 W for coast  
 All through the day light breeze with piling clouds heavy swell running from S & E  
 with about the same

Saturday Dec 24th comes in with strong breeze with piling clouds & continues through the day course NW 1/2 W for coast  
 1. 21. 50  
 2. 145. 40  
 captured at shipboard. Ship looking 1400 strokes

Sunday Dec 25th Comes in with fresh gales from S & E with piling clouds steering NW 1/2 W for coast  
 1. 2. 30  
 2. 148. 40  
 for camp Ship looking 1400 strokes

Monday Dec 26th Comes in with fresh gales from E & piling clouds steering NW 1/2 W for coast  
 Replied the pursuit and down the gale  
 piled a single one & but I was for the last  
 equate of rain



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# Stk Mercury Tuna Honolulu

Tuesday Dec 27th Comes in with strong breeze from S & S W with heavy squalls of rain 3 P.M. wind hauled to W

Lat 21.27 S 170 in a squall split flyjil & fore topyarned  
 Lo 153.34 sent a new flyjil 6 P.M. took in, to S W  
 breeze light & clear ahead which is interesting  
 so ends the day

Wednesday Dec 28th Comes in with strong gales from S & near S

Lat-21.11 Steady W by S for compass  
 Lo 156.07 heavy gales & bad sea through to the end

Thursday Dec 29th Comes in with strong gales from N to N E Daylight made the Island of Midway 15 miles distant  
 Alter our course to N by N  
 2 P.M. hove to off Honolulu harbor  
 took my boat & went on shore

Bark Mercury Bound Southern

Tuesday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865

1 PM finished my business & came aboard  
of my ship & put to sea with light air from  
SE & 4 PM calm & light air from NW  
Now I hope we may be successful enough  
to get a little sperm oil

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> comes in with light  
breezes from N & pleasant steering S by S by compass  
2 PM hauled for sperm whales & got a small whale in  
the starboard boat took him alongside & kept  
ship off on her course saw a number of others  
but made no chance on striking

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
breezes from N E & E N E steering S by S by compass  
cut in our whale & kept off on our course  
at 19.20 10 AM & cleared up decks I am in the fore  
at 15.27 another whale before this is boiled out - but not  
much expect to as it is the second time  
since I left home that I have seen <sup>the</sup> whale  
Day ends with pleasant & fair weather  
with passing clouds

Friday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
light breeze from E & pleasant sailing  
at 12.30 whale yielded 10 bbls 1 fish  
at 16.18 I am in the fore & got another whale  
Day ends with light breeze & pleasant

Saturday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
at 16.55 from E with a fair breeze & light clouds  
16.20 up - just breeze through the day  
I have seen nothing to day but have seen  
a whale in the fore



# The Mercury Toward the line

Sunday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 68 Comes in with  
 fresh gales from E with passing clouds  
 Lat 14.00  
 Long 165.18  
 Steerer S W by S per comp. Have seen nothing  
 to day. weather very warm & the chance  
 is thin for getting much oil & fear tedious  
 season.

Monday Jan 9<sup>th</sup> comes in with strong  
 Gales from E & E with passing clouds  
 Lat 11 35  
 Long 168.20  
 Course S S W per comp. Employed putting down  
 sheeting on quarter deck & coiling lines  
 Day ends with strong gales & pleasant weather.

Tuesday Jan 10<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
 strong gales from E & E with squalls of rain  
 Lat 8 40  
 Long 169.45  
 Employed at various parts of ship work  
 We are having fine winds to make a good passage  
 Shall sight Bakers Island in two days.  
 Day ends with squally weather.

Wednesday Jan 11<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
 gales from E & E with squalls of rain  
 Lat 6.26  
 Long 170.20  
 Course S S W Employed at various parts of ship work  
 Day ends with fresh gales & passing clouds

Thursday Jan 12<sup>th</sup> comes in  
 with heavy squalls of rain & cloudy weather  
 Lat 3.45  
 Long 171.50  
 Course S S W per comp. The weather is so  
 stormy that we cant do much about the ship.  
 Day ends thus.

Friday Jan 13<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
 Lat 1.30  
 Long 173.42  
 moderate breezes from E & squalls  
 middle part with squalls & cloudy  
 ends with squally weather.

# 73k Muddy Cruising for Whales

Saturday Jan 14th Comes in with light  
breeze from E & SE course W 100 p compass  
12 M alter my course to W by N 2 N & hold by the wind  
At 4 PM Betors Island & raise the Island being W 10 miles distant  
— 20 miles W. run down & at 4 PM lowered my boat & went ashore  
L 177 22. Saw Capt. Bebrock & Capt. Breckner & the other 2  
Sutton who was lost about 4 weeks ago

Sunday Jan 15th Comes in with  
light air from E & very warm weather  
L 178.20 — Course SSW & SSW have seen nothing but  
a school of porpoises

Monday Jan 16th Comes in with light air  
from N & NNE Course W by S for compass  
at 1 27 S Repairing Waist boat The weather is very warm  
L 179 37 I hardly know how to stand  
Day ends with light breeze & calm

Tuesday Jan 17th Comes in with light air  
from E & hot weather  
L 180 25 Middle & latter part - calm Employed repairing  
L 178 48 the waist boat Day ends with calm hot weather

Wednesday Jan 18th Comes in with light air  
from E & hot weather  
L 181 50 Middle & latter part - calm Employed repairing  
L 178 114 & continue through the day weather this

Thursday Jan 19th Comes in with light air  
from E & hot weather W. the island black & white  
the rain is so heavy & weather is so hot  
6 mile 1 PM firing & gun fire over the  
made steps & stairs to mine with 6 cannon  
& had one kept ready for use  
have one with 1 PM & 1 PM  
off to the sea with 1 PM



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Ok. Mercury, cruising for Sperm  
 Wednesday. Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Terms in with light  
 air from N.W. with cloudy weather. I am  
 covered my boat & went ashore to trade  
 got 7 small boys & two Kanakas  
 so come on board & put to sea  
 Saw to sail to windward hauled about N at  
 1 P.M. she came down & spoke me she proved  
 to be the Harriet Crockett of Honolulu  
 50 lbs sperm since leaving port

Thursday. Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Comes in  
 with light breeze & thick rainy weather  
 daylight made Kaula Island being 10  
 7 miles dist. I am several Canoes come  
 along side but had nothing but a few green  
 coconuts. I am went on shore & procured  
 two men to go in the ship with me  
 There is no suspicion for ships as in former  
 years in consequence of a great famine  
 that has prevailed in the Kany Hill group  
 the last year & thousands have died  
 with starvation. Middle & upper part  
 calm & light air

Friday. Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> Comes in with  
 light air, from N.W. & steering by the wind  
 to the Northward 12 we made the Island  
 of Kaula being N.E. 15 miles dist  
 I am took ship to S.W. & P.M. made Clerks  
 Island being S.W. 20 miles  
 Sunset shortened sail for the night.

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# Bk Mercury Crossing for a journal

Tuesday June 24th Comes in with a heavy  
breeze from W & WNW by off & on through the night but in  
the morning found ourselves a long way to the north of the Island  
as we had a strong current setting to the NE 8th made the land  
look heavy squall & ended in a complete hurricane at 11  
blew away the 2d reef main & fore sail & masts & rigging  
12 M gale at height 1 sent down main topsail & set  
up a new one & made mizzen set whole main & fore  
2d reef fore topsail foresail & jib & mizzen & fore  
water Letter part more moderate being off & on  
close up with Clarke Island waiting for a fair wind

Wednesday June 25th Comes in with a strong  
breeze from W & WNW with some thunder & rain  
12 M hauled anchor on the East side of Clarke Island  
& several comes come off but no wind & it is the  
worst weather I ever saw & no chance  
Whether much the same & no chance

Thursday June 26th Comes in with a  
gale from W & WNW being on the Starboard  
track heading S & S by E for Cape Horn & all  
Retcher & others & find we have a strong current  
setting to the NE Eastward heavy gale & rain through  
the day I am inclined we shall get some dry  
weather soon & we shall all die of cold  
cold I am no more for a long time

Friday June 27th Comes in with a  
W & WNW ship made <sup>close</sup> reefed up fore sail & fore  
& heavy rain all through the day & sea out here  
when we shall have a fair weather



## St Ontario Cruising for Sperm

Saturday Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 1865

Comes in with <sup>l</sup> Gale from NW with  
Lat 1.39 <sup>l</sup> heavy squalls & rain & when we shall  
be 176.15 we have any better weather the Lord only  
knows but we keep hoping for the better  
& perhaps it may come soon weather for  
the most part thick & cloudy sunset seen  
dark storm coming W by compass

Sunday Jan 29<sup>th</sup>

The same old thing over heavy squalls except  
Lat 2.34 to take the sails to ribbons & take the spars  
out of the ship. A M made out to sea  
to sea for a few moments but she was  
soon gone

Monday Jan 30<sup>th</sup> Comes in with

Strong gales from NW & continues through  
Lat 2.35 the day without squalls or rain  
Lat 16.6.19 A very most remarkable low & high  
on our weather-beam day ends with  
moderate breeze with rising clouds

Tuesday Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

Comes in with fresh gales from NW with  
raging clouds we have got a heavy beam  
sea & strong Ebb tide current & we  
don't gain anything & it is the first  
Lat 2.50 time in all my sea experience that  
Lat 17.5.34 I could not get to the Westward on the  
line day ends as above Employed  
repairing main topsail

# 3d Mercury Wind-torn

Feb. 20. Fresh gales from N.W. with rain squalls  
 174. 24. Employed repairing main top-sail & all other sails  
 took in top-gallants 7 smart gale in ends the same

February 2<sup>nd</sup> comes in with fresh gales from N.W.  
 Feb. 3. 40 & squalls of wind & rain Employed repairing main top-sail  
 Feb. 4. 24 Day ends as above

Friday February 5<sup>th</sup> comes in with strong winds  
 from N.W. with passing clouds & all both & squalls the  
 then strong for a short time fresh squalls & foggy 6 loc.  
 Feb. 5. 33 Ship to the northward Middle part slightly fresh light  
 Feb. 6. 34 & all under daylight made all sail day ends as above mention  
 a strong current setting to the Eastward & there since  
 up getting any further west for a head-jib & it does  
 make much difference where we go now as time is so far  
 advanced that we have little to spare anywhere

Saturday Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> comes in as above &  
 the prospect is it will continue the same  
 Feb. 6. 10 Middle & latter part light airs & pleasant  
 Feb. 7. 28 Wind N. Ship heading N. & N.W. & N.W. by N. per compass  
 shifted the fore & main top-sails

Sunday Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> comes in with light  
 airs from N. & pleasant steering by the Min.  
 Feb. 8. 30 heading N. by N. per compass Middle & latter part  
 light breezes from N.W. & N. with cloudy weather  
 Ship heading N. & N.W. per compass

Monday Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> comes in with light  
 from S.W. heading N. & N.W. per compass  
 Feb. 9. 30 Light airs from N. & N.W. some ship & took fresh  
 Feb. 10. 29 Squalls from N. course N. & N.W. per compass  
 & all calm Middle part light variable wind  
 latter part fresh gale from N. & N.W.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Mercury Windbourn

Tuesday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> comes in with fresh gales  
Lat 53<sup>5</sup> from S & pleasant & no prospect of it coming  
Lo 173 20 from any other quarter. Middle & latter  
part light airs from W employed overhauling  
the rigging

Wednesday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
light airs from S & light showers  
Middle part light airs from S & S.W.  
Lat 1 18 See a great many fish around the ship.  
Lo 171.10 but no sperm whales  
Middle part fresh gales. 8 AM wind hauled  
to W & W.S.W. Lark ship to W.S.W.  
by ends showing

Thursday Feb 9 comes in as above  
Light variable breezes through the day

Friday Feb 10<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
light airs from W heading W.W.W. for W.S.W.  
All this 24 hours light airs calm & hot enough  
Lat 1.05 to west mizzen stay current setting  
Lo 171 55. 2 1/2 knots to Eastward

Saturday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> comes in  
Lat 50 S. with calm hot weather. Middle & latter  
Lo 170.50 part light airs from S with some light  
showers

Sunday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> comes in  
with light airs from S & pleasant  
clearing W by S for W.S.W.  
Took in the Made Ocean (Gallien) 10 miles  
dist & from several canoes came off to  
boat 10 went on shore but could  
not get much. A few logs of wood &  
pumpkins come aboard & put off to West.

# 23<sup>rd</sup> Mercury On the line

Monday Feb 13<sup>th</sup> comes in with a light air  
& calm with squalls of rain. Pleasant breeze from

set - 23<sup>rd</sup> bore E by S 12 miles dist - 7 am - noon

to 168.38 Middle part light breeze from E latter part  
calm

Tuesday Feb 14<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
calm & hot weather. Employed at various parts

Set - 33<sup>rd</sup> of ship duty, middle & latter part calm

to 166.36 & calm. 0 am made Pleasant. 4 am - 10 am

20 by 30 miles dist

Wednesday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
calm & light variable winds. Employed setting

up Main rigging & 10<sup>th</sup> being within 8 miles of

Pleasant (breeze) several canoes visible

to but have very little trade as it is the same with

them as it has been with all the rest of the

Islands about the time heavy droughts & famine

has off & on through the night daylight, low sea

canoes & a whaler about which proven to be a whale

resided by name of Harry we succeeded in

getting some pigs & fowls

Thursday Feb 16<sup>th</sup> comes in as above

2 P.M. finished trading & cut off to 170<sup>th</sup>

to 165 with light air from N.W.

Middle & latter part light air & comes with

thick rain weather

Friday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> comes in as above

Set 45<sup>th</sup> Middle & latter part light air with rain

to 164 29 hours



Saturday Feb 18/65

Comes in with, like air from NW  
 & showery heading NW for comf.

The weather is such that we can do but

Sept 27 Little in regard to Shipments,

Sept 16. 20. Middle part calm & rainy. latter part  
light airs from S W & cloudy.

Sunday July 19th

comes in with light legs from NW & E.

Set 38. Volving. S B L. The center

To 163.48 Middle Part by air from St. R heading  
N. E. in comp. latter part by air from  
177 x 1.17,

Monday Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Comes in  
with light air from N W & light shower,  
Middle & latter part calm & rising

Thursday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> comes in with  
 at 1.36 calm & rainy, in latter & swell running from  
 at 162.36 E & the sails are flapping badly  
 ; Milder & later, part between 15. No clean  
 up, so as we were able to procure to hatched

Wednesday July 22<sup>th</sup> comes in  
with fresh gales from N E & cloudy  
at 2.24 Steering by the wind heading N 71 & N 71 1/2 W  
to 161.01 Middle & better part-lighters from  
N 71 E with rain

Thursday July 28 in hours  
in as above breeze rather freshening  
middle & latter part - thick cloudy weather -  
& heavy squalls of wind & rain Ship. in opposite  
tracks to the wind run,

Friday Feb 24/68

Comes in with fresh gales from the north  
Set 4 3.0. P 3.0. M thick & rain. Middle & latter part this same  
to 161.21 rain from N & S

Saturday Feb 25<sup>th</sup>

Set 8 12 Comes in with squally & rain weather from  
to 160.36 to be N N E & bit to short turn in to place  
Middle part strong breeze later next fresh  
gales from N N E with squalls & clouds

Sunday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> comes in with fresh  
gales from N N E & cloudy & heavy by the rain  
heading N N W for camp

Middle part to be fair & calm later the  
light breeze from N. E heading N N W for  
for camp.

Monday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
light breeze from N. E & S. rain. To be  
3 P. M. Made. Wellington Island when it  
very way off

Thursday March 9/68

Strong gales from E N E & S. M to be  
anchor & stood out of the harbor  
a boat & went into the lagoon &  
some coconuts & took tea with Mr. Lings  
the missionary & came on board & on  
on through the night. The boat off to a  
small Island 30 miles distant &  
to trade as it being so late could do nothing

Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> strong gales from  
N E bit off & on boat in harbor  
& on through the night by 10.00  
on shore taking off coconuts & by 1  
by 10.00



## 3<sup>d</sup>. Heavy Toward Guam

Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> Comes in with strong gales from N.E. & S.W. finished trading & come on board

Lat 8 20 Got to fine lot of hogs & 12000 Cornmeal  
 Lo 155.38 kept the ship off to W. & N. wind all sail & stiff breezes Middle & latter part thunders

Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
 Lat 9.30 Strong breezes from N.E. & passing clouds  
 Lo 152.21 came W. & N. for camp  
 Middle & latter part - Strong breezes with passing clouds

Monday March 13<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
 Lat 11.30 Strong breezes from N.E. & cloudy course  
 Lo 149.66 N.W. by W. Middle & latter part - moderate breezes with showers

Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
 fresh gales from N.E. with frequent  
 Lat 13.18 Showers course N.W. by W. for camp  
 Lo 147.13 Middle & latter part fresh gales & pleasant

Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
 fresh gales from E.N.E. & pleasant course W. & N.  
 for camp for the Island of Guam  
 Middle part fresh gales by light made Guam  
 ahead 10 to 11 & boat boarded us off the town  
 & we put off for Appari

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Comes in with strong breezes  
 from E.N.E. & S.W. took a pilot & 5 came  
 to anchor in the port of Appari

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7th Mercury Toward Lappen

Tuesday March 21st Sea calm & light breeze  
Anchor & went out of the harbor & worked up off the town  
Met on shore on a fine Middle part light air  
7 Am being off the town went on shore to transact business  
Day ends pleasant

Wednesday 22nd Light air & pleasant  
Ship off & on myself on shore transacting business  
2 P M Kate went on board I have shipped & got  
5 men on board & have got to spoil another day  
to get two more Middle & better part light air  
& pleasant & finished my business & came aboard

Thursday 23rd in comes in to shore  
Many men shipped & at 2 P M came on board  
helped - of some men to work sent them on shore  
& had trouble in consequence of liquor with Peter Myers  
& Fred Shokman sent them at work in the pits

Friday 24th comes in with light air & calm  
Starting up for Lappen better in light breeze & S  
2 miles dist Middle part calm better part breeze

Saturday Employed mending Jeff. Topail & returning  
down the fore rigging

Saturday March 25th comes in with light  
air from S E & pleasant saw a carcass of a whale  
middle part fresh breeze light air saw the islands of  
Tirian Lappen & Ratu 7 Lock ship taken to the bath  
Day ends with light air & pleasant employed repairing  
main sail

Sunday 26th comes in with light air  
& pleasant at 4 P M saw a dead humpback whale but then  
was dead too long to be good for anything we are going  
to beat up to Lappen light air through the night  
7 Am 2 P M the boat William of Lappen Ratu  
came in at Lappen day ends pleasant we are  
going to Lappen and will be in light air



## 3<sup>d</sup> Mercury Toward the Bonin Islands

Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> 1865-

Came in with light-air from NE heading NW for camp. The winds are light & the weather very warm. We are making slow progress toward getting to the point. Middle part calm & light-air from E & ENE latter part the same. Tapan & L other islands in sight.

Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> Came in with light-air & NW calm. Moved our boats & exercised the boat's crews. Light-air from NE we are trying to work up to the land to obtain coconuts & horse. Middle part light-air daylight we were handy the land but it proved not to be the same that I supposed it was & I find the Islands in this group are not to be found by the names. Another Island being in sight we put off & at 12 were up with the South end of Tapan & L ends.

Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup> Came in with fresh gales from E & ESE. I & M moved for humpbacks but we saw 3. I & M moved two boats & went ashore & saw but few coconuts & no signs of human life. Saw humpbacks. I struck a calf & the third man struck the cow but it being after sunset it soon got dark & we had to cut. Lie off & in through our night watch went in but saw no chance went ashore to obtain coconuts but it was so rugged we could not land to get on them. Like the Advers & the Hawaiian.

## 13th. Sailing Toward the Bonin Islands

Thursday March 29/68 - Comes in with strong  
breezes with peeping clouds & S.W. haul about 8 fathoms  
Lat-21.28 signals with the Spanish ink-bottle at Sugar Isd  
Lo 145.47 paper on saw-appe humpbacks but no chance of  
getting any. Middle & other part strong breezes  
Employed repairing & mending & painting boat.

Friday 31st Comes in with strong S.W.  
Lat-26.06 trades steering S.W. for comp. weather fine  
Lo 144.31 with peeping clouds Middle & latter part strong  
breezes & pleasant employed repairing sails & painting  
boats

Saturday April 1st Comes in with  
Lat 26.06 fresh gales from N.E. & pleasant course  
Lo 143.17 S.W. by N. for comp. Middle & latter part light  
breezes with peeping clouds

Sunday April 2nd Comes in as above  
weather fine course to S.W. for light breeze  
Lat 26.46 Middle part fresh breezes latter part moderate with  
Lo 141.56 thick hazy weather Expected to see the Bonin  
Islands but are disappointed

Monday April 3rd Comes in with  
light breeze from S. & thick smoky weather  
steering different courses looking for land  
Sunset saw the land nearly & shortened sail for  
the night - light breezes through the night  
daylight made sail & beat up to the land saw  
a ship, Big & Black which proved to be the  
Oregon bound & Abigail went on board but  
got nothing - saw several humpbacks  
but did not strike we are at what is  
called the South Island



# Bk Mercury Off the Bonin Islands

Tuesday April 4th

Comes in with light air from S.W. & thin hazy weather. At 1 P.M. kept off for Peels Island 11.5.4. made about 4 lay until daylight. we then ran down & lowered my boat & went onshore but could procure nothing new & on board of the abigail who by the way came in to anchor at Port Lail & got John Adams the Boatsteerer who ran away from us at L'Anse-au-Loup 11 came on board & put off with very light air from N.

Wednesday April 5th Comes in with

Lat 27.30

Lo 142.01

light air from N & cloudy weather we are trying to work up to the Southward

Middle & late part light air from S & cloudy

12 took ship & heading in for Parry's Group which is insight

Thursday April 6th Comes in as above

Sunset being up with the Land sent in two boats

to look for Turtle but saw none saw a great

many humpbacks. Bought off two small ones

Lat 28.05

Lo 141.50

Lie off & on through the night. 7 Am went with

four boats but saw nothing but a few with

humpbacks 10 came on board & kept off to N.W.

for Black Rock Day ends with fresh gales

with peeping clouds

Friday April 7th Comes in with

fresh gales from E & peeping clouds cover

Lat 29.40

Lo 140.30

N.W. to N for Crandall's Peak

Middle part in W. Gales 10 Am. Made Black

Rock being 10 miles dist

Fixed my Chronometer looking for

73k Mercury Cruising for Sperm

Saturday April 8th Comes in with fresh gales from S & E pleasant & B. N. S. the Carinthian Lewis of St Bedford with 2 large sperm whels & 6 Barks to seaward cutting on Island in sight. Sunset took in sail on the night daylight made all sail by ends with strong gales from S & E & thick weather

Lat 30 05  
Long 140 04

Sunday April 9th Comes in with strong breezes from S & E & thick hazy weather we are inclined to see a sperm whale but don't see him yet. Middle & latter part calm & open ship. Breeze of Bremen

Lat 30 28  
Long 141 12

Monday April 10th Comes in with light air & clouds & continues through the day. Employed repairing the mainstay which is very poor

Lat 30 26  
Long 141 16

Tuesday April 11th Comes in with light air from E with light squalls of rain. Middle, and forenoon with rain. Day under short sail. Daylight set while topsail. Day ends with strong gales from S & E with fog & thick. At seven 12 black & 3 miles from

Wednesday April 12th Comes in with moderate gales from E & heavy swell. Saw the 7 Barks to windward. Sunset took in sail for the night. Middle part strong breeze. Daylight made sail. Day ends with strong breeze & thick weather with rain. 12 M 5 miles from Black & 3 miles from

Thursday 13th Comes in with strong breezes from all points of the compass. A heavy & strong gale from the north & the south. Middle & latter part calm & pleasant. At midnight the wind



## U.S. Mercury Cruising for Sperm

Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
calm weather & pleasant saw two sails  
a long dist of Middle part the same latter part  
light air from E & cloudy in front the foresail  
ripened & bent it again Black Rock Lying  
E S E 10 miles dist

Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> Comes in  
with light air from E & landed with the  
Adison saw the Abegail to windward  
Middle & latter part light air 12 M we  
were up with the Island of St Peter  
landed our boats & went on shore & got  
a fine lot of Fiddle

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Comes in with fresh gales  
from S E with cloudy weather with rain  
Middle part the same light air from  
the boats & went on shore & got some turtle  
in cells with thick weather

Monday April 17<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
fresh gales from S E & thick weather  
Lat 33 15 Long 141 09 S. H. kept ship off to S E for Black Rock  
Camp with the Addison  
Middle part blew heavy with rain latter part  
clear & small gale from S W to W S W

Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup> comes in with gale  
from W blowing S E for camp S. H. split  
the fore topsail sent it down & sent up a  
Lat 35 15 Long 141 35 other & single reef Middle & latter part  
light breeze with heavy swell parted the leach rope  
to the mainsail sent it down to replace  
12 M calm

# Bk Mercury Toward Hakodadi

Lat 37.12 Wednesday April 19th Comes in with light air  
 Lo 141.56 & calms Bk adison insight Middle part fresh rain  
 from SW latter part light air from S & thick weather

Thursday April 20th Comes in with light air  
 from SW 3 PM calm - emptying & raising fore sail  
 Saw a large school of Blackfish going quick to SW  
 Middle part light breeze latter part light breeze  
 from S & thick & rainy weather

Friday April 21st Comes in with fresh  
 gale from S with thick fog & rain several  
 Japanese junks in company with us course  
 N by W comp. Barometer low & falling fast

Clear swell rising & the weather - over thick  
 12 min. At 29.10 with rain 7 PM drops topsails partly jib & ...  
 Middle part blew in squalls & am clear up & under ...  
 Set 40.00 Set whole topsails & Am blew heavy called all hands  
 for jib & course & close reefed by ends with heavy gale  
 from W. Leeward 15 miles per hour

Saturday April 22nd Comes in with heavy gale round to SW  
 & am led down 15 miles east. Part of the night  
 set all cups & foresail 11 calm 3 AM light air  
 from S & distant shore. At 11 AM we were for  
 the Straits of Lanyal by ends with light air  
 & distant strong current setting to the north

Sunday April 23rd Comes in with  
 light air from S & E & pleasant clearing up  
 within five miles of the land & the gale  
 in Cherson. Middle & latter part light air from  
 S & E & thick weather & we could not see the land  
 & for that reason we could not see the land



## Bark Mercury Toward Hakodadi

Monday Apr 24th 1863 Comes in with light  
airs from S E & thick weather we are lying  
off & on with the land waiting for clear  
weather Midnight have been from  
N N W & N N E 5 am hauled to 11 51  
up with the sheet raised again to 11 51 & 12 7  
Ship. continuation in company

Tuesday April 25 comes in with strong  
gales from W & strong current setting to the  
Eastward 2 P M hauled to 12 51 & 1 10 ship  
to 1 find we cannot gain much if lay to the  
Westward Middle & latter part strong westerly  
gales Saw the ledges to windward

Wednesday 26th comes in with strong  
gales from W & squally we are working  
up on the south shore 5 P M hauled ship  
under Hakodadi head & worked up with  
light airs by the land 11 come to anchor  
at 12 11

Thursday May 11th Comes in with  
pleasant gales from S W & N 1 12 51  
anchors & store out 2 Sept the head in  
company with the Ontario & Adrien  
Middle & latter part light breezes & cloudy  
found my chronometer 50 miles out of the way  
Saw about many fur seals

Friday May 12th Comes in with light  
airs from S E & thick weather some  
ice to windward & light breeze  
Monday 13th light gales from S E & thick weather  
some ice

# Swear the Celtic Ocean

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Saturday May 13/68 Comes in with rain & S.W. the  
for repair & bent. Main topmast & topmast stay sail  
Gale ship to S.E. 6 P.M. wind hauls to N. then 6 P.M.  
9 P.M. wind hauls to N.W. to N.E. 5. The blue sky  
partly the by 1st sails of 1st top of stormy sea with  
bad sea part jib & courses. The wind with rain  
gale & continued rain through the day

Lat 42.42  
Long 150.00

Sunday May 14th Comes in with gale  
from N.E. & V. had seen ship, heaving & for comp.  
6 P.M. weather moderating set courses  
of whole topsails 12 Midnight - made all shift latter  
light breeze from N.W. but heavy swell running from  
East

Lat 43.45  
Long 151.09

Monday 15th Comes in with  
light air from N.W. & cloudy course N.E. & E  
for comp. Middle & latter part fresh  
& fine pleasant weather

Lat 44.55  
Long 152.12

Tuesday May 16th Comes in as above  
course N.E. & for comp. Saw heret man yachts  
Middle part calm water, light air from N.W.  
S.E. & V. heavy swell running from N.E.  
weather haze

Wednesday May 17th Comes in  
with light breeze from S.E. & P.M. part 6 a.m. gale  
& cloudy weather. Course N.E. & for comp.  
Middle part strong calm water, light air from N.W.  
latter part the same with rain & rain  
& rain N.W.

Thursday May 18th Comes in with  
Gale from S.W. & V. weather moderating  
course N.E. & for comp. Middle & latter  
part light air from N.W. & rain  
for comp.



# The Mercury Toward

Friday May 19/63 comes in with  
light air from S & thick dark weather  
at 11 AM calm & dense fog  
at 12.10 a little part the same & air in at west end  
at 1.10 ends with fresh gales & fog

## Saturday May 20th

comes in with fresh air from S & E  
at 1.10 dense fog course SE by S per compass  
at 1.38.30 Middle part some snow latter part fresh breezes from  
W & NW thick weather slow & number of gunboats  
2 Mace large Sloop the latter N 40 miles time

## Sunday May 21st comes in with

fresh breezes from NW & fair weather - course  
at 5.2.36 NE by N per compass Middle part light breezes  
at 16.0.27 3 AM Rain Sea off S. of Alaska by ends  
with fresh breezes & thick weather with some rain

## Monday May 22th comes in with fresh

air from W & S with thick atmosphere  
at 5.5.00 2 AM strong breezes turning SE by S running  
at 16.4.45 down the edge of ice  
Middle part strong gales from NW the Orkney  
insight

## Tuesday May 23rd comes in

with strong breezes from NW & S turning SE by S  
at 13.6.40 7 AM rain left us suddenly & light air from SE  
at 16.7.40 Middle part fresh gales from SE  
at 1.10 have to be round with the Orkney  
at 1.10 ends with thick weather

## Wednesday May 24th comes in with

fresh gales from SE by S course SE by S  
at 1.10 Middle part fresh breezes latter part strong gales with  
at 1.10 ends with the Orkney

# The Arctic Ocean

Tuesday May 25th Comes in with strong gale from SE with fog & rain. came to 6 got past promontory Middle part the same. At 4 pm saw a sail from the Europa. children saw a number of whales in the open bay ends with thick fog. Saw the ice to west of us.

Wednesday 26th Comes in with strong gale from SE with thick fog. 6 AM fog lighter saw from the Ontario Europa. Hahawar & 13th June. Gave with the strong latter part pushing the ice in. Whales Cape Oololushy sailing 75 miles west.

Thursday 27th Comes in with light breeze & pleasant weather. Saw the Fox Swamp & got beyond the Cape of Adhemund. Middle & latter part pushing the ice & went outwards of the Lewis Narrows & around the death of Capt. Bear.

L 160.00  
L 172.40

Friday May 28th Comes in with light breeze & pleasant. Saw 12 ships more whales. 4 AM thick fog. Middle part ice same. Then came with strong breeze from SE & SE by E.

Saturday May 29th Comes in with more gale from SE. Ship under the Cape of Adhemund. Gave with the Middle & latter part. Middle & latter part ice same. E & W side same. Gave with the Middle & Arnolda. Ice off on north side. Ice.

Sunday 30th Comes in with gale from SE & thick fog. Weather clearing in the ice waiting for good weather. Ice same. Ice near & very cold. latter part light breeze & thick fog. Ship under with ice.

## Wednesday May 31, 65

Comes in with light breeze from SE & thick weather. Ice fast opening. Middle & latter part ice same. Ice in the ice same. no whales seen.



3<sup>rd</sup>. Mercury off Cape St Thaddeus)

Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup> 1865 Comes in with light airs from S.E. & thick fog. Light fog lighted & wind light from S.W. steers to the East through the ice Middle part thick fog 1 Am. Get clear of the ice & steers to N.E. say ends with thick fog

Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> Comes in with light air from S.E. & thick fog. Steering N.E. for compass have seen but very little ice in the Middle & latter part calm & thick weather S.E.

Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Comes in with calm thick cloudy weather - 3 sails in sight Middle part calm with thick fog latter part the same 12 M fog cleared up. Saw 12 ships come with the Ice Group Corinthian Mito Jies Barr, & Mito saw the Wm Thompson heard of her having taken a whale

Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> Comes in with thick fog & weather Middle part the same even part fog cleared up with light air from S.E. & S.W.

Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light air from S.W. & calms to S.W. thick fog Middle & latter part the same

Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light air from S.E. & S.W. See 8 ships two trailing line off & on with the ice saw several ships in the ice

Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup> Comes in with fresh gales & fair weather - saw the land west of Cape St Thaddeus latter part in the ice

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> light air from N.W. & N.W. ship in the ice & we are trying to get to S.E. Middle & latter part clear & pleasant working the ship through the ice toward Cape St Thaddeus 40 ships in sight two trailing

Off Cape St. Thaddeus in the ice  
Friday June 9th comes in with fine pleasant  
weather moving through the ice - saw two ships  
get whaled & 4 ships boiling

Saturday 10th I have noticed a  
whale got but several ships boiling among them  
the Commodore Howard & other parties also were  
with whals chased within 20 miles of Cape St. Thaddeus  
bearing N N E 40 miles East  
See full heavy & compact

Saturday June 10th West Long  
Calm & pleasant through the day Got 4 whals to the  
Starboard boat & cut him in place to back go  
a whale saw a good show of whals this morning

Sunday June 11th comes in with fog  
& am clear up, raised whals lowered & got one to the  
bowboat 2.1.11 got him alongside & at noon  
in ice thick & heavy employed going out  
Cape St. Thaddeus bearing N 33 miles East

Monday June 12th Buggy hazy weather  
Saw but one whale today Ships all fast in  
the ice & no water to be seen we are employed  
about 6 ships boiling out of 12 that are in

Tuesday June 13th comes in with fine  
pleasant weather & continues through the day  
Saw the Minerva pick up 6 dead whales  
have seen no whals today

Wednesday June 14th comes in with  
light air from W & W employed in  
striking down 10 PM finished work weather  
raining we have worked through the ice & have  
made off again 1.1.14



## PR Mercury in the Anadir Sea

Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> Begins with thick fog & rain Sea going fast

We have heard this day of the lamentable news of the death of President Lincoln & sincerely hope that the operation will meet a fast gate

Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> Comes in & continues through the day with fog rain & snow Cape Thaddeus being 20 or 25 miles dist

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Comes in as above & cleared up with fresh gales from the NW & strong S by W wind here seen but little in bay & sails rising

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Light comes with thick fog & snow S by W made the sea off the mouth of the Anadir river now seen nothing to day

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Comes in with fresh gales from S & thick fog & continues through the day running down the Sea to N & E Thick weather & no observations

Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light breeze from N & E with thick clouds weather wise & whole in the ice sent in the boats to get him out pretty soon in getting him out but lost a great deal of him & a boat anchor but we succeeded in saving him & cut him in

Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> Comes in with calm thick weather & continues through the day Employed boiling Cape Thaddeus being 60 miles dist

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Comes in with light air & pleasant - Employed boiling middle part - fresh gales & ships sight - 2 boiling 1 spoke 1 or 2 small 3 whales Florida 2 1/2 Day ends light air & calm

3<sup>rd</sup> Mercury Thader Sea

Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> Comes in with calm pleasant weather  
& A.M. raining with strong gales from E & E by N. & rain  
& slow down our oil to the amt. of 110 bbls per week  
with thick fog & moderate iceys

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Comes in with calm & thick fog  
& continued till 6 P.M. when it cleared up & we ran  
within 10 miles of Cape Behring we store in the  
in to the Eastward saw the Herald & 5 other vessels  
none of them appear to see whales

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light iceys from  
all points of the compass & am fresh gales from  
N.W. saw a whale chased him without success  
saw a boat standing in toward the ship from  
Seaward, ran down for her It proved to  
be Capt. Byr's late of ship Abigail  
He stated that his ship had been burnt in an English  
pirate in the Chukchi Sea on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May  
& had been a prisoner on board of his ship  
Shenandoah ever since till 4 days previous  
Capt. Byr stated that the ship was within  
a few miles of us & said if we went any  
further East we should be in danger of being  
burnt the ship W.M. Thompson Capt. & the  
Lieut. Lieut. Capt. Williams the Esphrales &  
the Sophia Therman & Luson Abigail  
& boarded the ship & sent her to St. Francisco  
with prisoners. We heard our own names  
the for Friday Capt. Thompson & Williams  
& served & we all put to the Westward hoping  
to keep out of sight.

Monday pleasant clear no whales seen  
we are working to the Westward along the line  
now not seen any probability yet.



3<sup>d</sup> Meeker, Arctic Sea

Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
fresh gales from N.W. & pleasant  
working up along the ice off Cape Behring  
12 lowered the boats & sent them in the ice  
they soon found plenty of whales & took  
one to the third master's boat & fastened  
the line & lost him

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> comes in with fresh  
breezes from S.E. & pleasant sent the  
boats in the ice & they saw no whales  
today 3 P.M. the fog came in & blew strong  
came to anchor in 10 fathoms of water  
fog soon cleared up & the wind moderated

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
light airs & fog sent the boats in the ice  
to look for whales saw plenty but no success  
Saw the Corinthian get a whale  
ship lying at anchor

Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> comes in with thick  
weather light airs from S & fog lying in  
the ice to anchor got a whale to the  
barge took him to the ship & cut  
him in

Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> 1863 - comes in with  
light airs ship dragging through the current  
with thick fog, we are in thick 24 fathoms  
of water

Sunday 2 continue dragging through the  
ice & plenty of whales but can't get the boats  
off The Corinthian killed a whale &  
lost him

Monday July 3<sup>rd</sup> comes in with fog  
& rain shut up in the ice 5 P.M. ice from  
took our anchor & worked to the windward  
of the ice 6 P.M. finished boiling

130. Percy Atwater Vt

July 4<sup>th</sup> 1865 Comes in with calm & pleasant weather Ship lying at anchor in the bay got a whale to the Harbored boat & got her stowed 11 PM finished cutting

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Comes in with strong gale from N.E. & continues through the day have seen but one whale through the day

Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup> Comes in with fresh gale from N.E. & cloudy have seen but one whale today 12 M raised a dead whale went & took him alongside & cut him in bay ends with light air & fresh

I neglected to say that we got under way at 7 AM & stood off to the Westward

Friday July 7<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light air from N.W. & pleasant Saw the Corinthian pick up a whale sent my boats in the bay to look for whales but saw nothing Employed boiling so called

Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light air from N.E. & pleasant weather - have seen no whales today 11 PM finished boiling Corinthian insight & an other ship boiling

Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> Comes in with fresh gale from N.E. with pleasant weather 8 AM came to anchor & stowed 200 bbls of oil Corinthian & seen insight

Monday July 10<sup>th</sup> Comes in with fresh gale from N.E. & pleasant & am going away & worked in shore sent three boats off down to the gulf of the Holy Cross 12 M wind has increased & thick fog & continues through the day

Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup> Comes in with fresh gale from N.E. & pleasant & am going away & worked in shore sent three boats off down to the gulf of the Holy Cross 12 M wind has increased & thick fog & continues through the day

Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup> Comes in with fresh gale from N.E. & pleasant & am going away & worked in shore sent three boats off down to the gulf of the Holy Cross 12 M wind has increased & thick fog & continues through the day



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The Mercury - Inland Sea

Thursday July 13/65 - Comes in with  
smart gale from N. 3 Am ship commenced to  
blew. Saw her smoke cabin & down went her up.  
Day ends with strong gales boats not returned  
yet

Friday 14th Comes in with  
strong gales from N. & pleasant 3 Am ship  
boats have insight having one of the  
boats in tow belonging to the Greenhouse  
that is he is in the ice  
Saturday 15th off to Swan-bay in company  
with one of the Greenlanders boats to get  
news of the Arctic In the mean time to  
Native from above & day reports 35 ships  
burn which is about half of the fleet  
Day ends with calm

Saturday July 15th - Comes in  
with light air & calms still lying at  
anchors - 3 PM thick fog

Sunday July 16th Comes  
in with thick fog 12 PM cleared up, several  
conoes came alongside 1 PM blew strong  
from N. Day ends the same ship still  
at anchors

Monday July 17th Comes in with  
calm pleasant weather still lying at anchors  
boat not yet returned with warehouse gunning &  
fishing. got a fine lot of ducks but few fish

Tuesday July 18th Comes in with  
light air from N. & cloudy 3 AM got under way  
for to run into the harbor but found but little  
water 8 AM strong breeze with fog & rain  
4 PM calm & thick fog came to anchors in  
11 fathoms water

Wednesday July 19th Comes  
in with smart gale from N. & thick weather  
1 PM got under way blowing strong with heavy sea  
& we are beating up the coast & have

## 73<sup>rd</sup> Mercury Anadiv Ice

Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
gales from S & thick fog we are working up the river in  
short sail in company with the Crintheus & some

Friday July 21<sup>st</sup> comes in with strong  
breezes from S with thick rising weather J.M. runs  
moderate - stood close in with the land & under the  
anchors

Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup> comes in with light  
airs & calm several canoes come along side with  
bore & we traded for a small lot

Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> comes in with thick  
fog J.M. cleared up. saw a large show of walrus  
- got none screws back got one

Monday July 24<sup>th</sup> comes in with calm  
weather cleared whels all day 10 P.M. Lashed  
boat - struck & got taken down by foul line  
the line parted & we saved the boat.

Saw the Perse & Crintheus get a whale  
thus goes my hard luck

Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
fresh gales from S saw but two whales told  
B.M. run to look a heavy squall from S  
close up to 12. Midnight calm

Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
light airs from S.E. J.M. came to anchor  
off the East end of the land spit - 5 light breezes from  
S.E. took the anchor & ran off to the West. became  
middle part fresh gales tolder felt light air & ran S.E.

Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup> comes in with calm  
& pleasant weather lying at anchor but the boat  
in the ice to look for whales 3 P.M. ice came down upon  
us got under way 6 P.M. light airs got a whale to  
the Lashed boat took him along side & came  
to anchor & cut him 12 Midne 12. thick fog



18k Mercury Chadder Sea

Friday July 28/65

Came in with light from S E & clear  
fog rising at anchor 2 P.M. the  
Ice being thick around us took our anchor  
& worked off shore to the wind being by the  
come to in 15 fathoms water

Employed boiling the ends with thick fog

Saturday July 29th

Came in with light air from S E  
& thick fog 3 P.M. fog lifted saw whales but  
going fast to seaward & could not get  
near any of them 4 P.M. wind hauled  
to E with thick fog

Sunday July 30th. Comes in with light  
breeze with thick fog stored down 66 bbls of  
oil day ends with thick weather saw  
no whales today & comes come off but  
had no trade

Monday July 31<sup>st</sup>. Comes in with  
light air from E & thick fog saw two whales today  
11 am got underway to clear the ice  
& come to anchor again the wind being to light  
to stem the current

Tuesday August 1/65

Came in with Calms & light  
air & thick fog 10 am fog lifted sent off saw  
two whales from the ship. 8 P.M. two boats  
returning had seen nothing

Wednesday Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>. Comes in with  
Calms & thick fog 8 am boats come onboard  
having seen nothing took our anchor with light  
air from S E 12 M fresh gale from W & S W  
alter & rising course E N E

Thursday Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>. Comes in with  
calms & light air with thick fog saw some  
ice 3 P.M. fog cleared up saw the land by the  
air from W course E N E & went  
by ends with calm

## Arctic Sea

Friday Aug 4<sup>th</sup> Comes in with calm & light breeze from SW with thick weather clearing, E & E 2 P.M. raise the Stern & Corinthian at anchor 10 miles distant Day ends with calm

Saturday Aug 5<sup>th</sup> Comes in with calm with some rain lying at anchor waiting for the pirates to leave these waters Day ends with pleasant weather

Sunday Aug 6<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light breeze & cloudy latter part fresh gales from N & E Still lying at anchor

Monday August 7<sup>th</sup> Comes in with fresh gales from S 12 M calm get a drift of water

5 P.M. light breeze from S & rising Day ends the same

Tuesday Aug 8<sup>th</sup> Comes in with strong gales from S & heavy squalls of rain ship underway & in light breeze & calm 12 M in light breeze from S & E

2 P.M. calm come to anchor off Cape Behring 7 P.M. fresh gales from N & pleasant at underway & kept off toward Behring Straits Day ends with strong breeze & pleasant

Wednesday Aug 9<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light breeze & calm 12 M we are down off shore by & several comes come alongside to trade Day ends with light breeze & calm

Thursday Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Comes in with thick fog & fresh gales from S & E 7 AM fog lifted we saw St. Lawrence Island bearing 20 miles distant Day ends with thick fog

Friday Aug 11<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light breeze from N & E & thick cloudy weather 12 M strong breeze 1 P.M. dark ship 7 miles S of St. Lawrence we Day ends with strong breeze from S. Corinthian in company with us



The Mercury Arctic Ocean

Saturday Aug 12/65

Comes in with smart gale from  
N & rugging her for a while but  
I think closer to the Ice Group  
who has probably been destroyed by  
the Pirate Seaking spoke & came  
with the Elmer Osborn & Edgerton  
by ends with smart gale

Sunday Aug 13<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
strong gale from N & thick cloudy weather  
good with the Elmer & Corinthian

Day ends with light breeze

Monday Aug 14<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
calm & light air picks up a while but  
that had belonged to the burnt ship. Saw the former  
trading brig who reports the burning of several  
ships that we had not heard from & also the  
tops of the Eschscholtz & Louisiana one seen  
in the ice & another got lost with part of her  
aid from S E

Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup>

No Obs

Comes in with fresh gale from E  
& thick fog 1 P.M. clear up pleasant  
Saw the Minerva & Corinthian Saw a great  
many musk deer Day ends pleasant

Wednesday Aug 16<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
light air from N & thick fog & continues through  
the day Ship heading N by N per compass

Thursday Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Comes in  
with strong gale from S E steering N by  
per compass Middle part thick fog Day ends  
with smart gale & clear weather  
1 P.M. I ruff the topsails & luff on the wind  
& spoke the fresh Wistler 2 whales

## Arctic Ocean

Friday Aug 18<sup>th</sup> Comes in with strong gales & much weather with some snow middle & latter part clear made the ice in the vicinity of Herald's Sound

Ground with the Vineyard bedwell & whaler  
Saturday Aug 19<sup>th</sup> Comes in with strong gales & snow  
Spoke the Minerva Seamen with two whalers  
latter part light air & shines off to the Eastward  
along the ice

Sunday Aug 20<sup>th</sup> Comes in with gales from S.E. with snow middle part strong breeze from S.E. latter part going working along the ice  
Saw a good many walrus

Monday Aug 21<sup>st</sup> Comes in with gales from  
Lat 79 53 W.N.W. with snow & sailing along the ice to the S.E.  
Lat 170.08 12 M. moderate with snow latter part light air & calm  
Saw two seals

Tuesday Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> Comes in with strong gales from S.E. & steering to the wind reading N.E. for compass spoke Logocla Fisher Fish Bay (along Bartholomew Sound) Beller & Eliza ledons ice all bound to the Westward & ends with strong gales & reefed the topsails

Wednesday Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> Comes in with fresh breeze from N.W. & thick fog 12 light breeze with cloudy weather two sails in sight 6 P.M. calm again  
we have seen no whales nor any signs of any

Thursday Aug 24<sup>th</sup> Comes in with calm & light air from N.E. & cloudy & continues through the day to observation we saw no whales nor any signs of any

Lat 71.30 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Comes in with thick fog weather &  
Lat 165.00 some fog good with the Fish Bay & S.W. West  
S.W. West are a whale observed and seen 6 numbers



# Bk Mercury Arctic Ocean

Lat 71.30  
Lo 168.03



Saturday August 26th comes in with  
light breeze from N & fresh snow steering different  
courses through the ice looking for  
whales to S. M. saw a dead whale  
to come up with him took him along  
side & cut him in piece to be killed  
by the miller as it was badly eaten

Lat 70.56  
Lo 166.4

Sunday August 27th comes in  
with light breeze & pleasant & continues through  
the day finished killing our whale  
Saw one ship to the west

Monday Aug 28th comes in with fresh  
gales from N. S. Am. raised whales around but without  
success Midday thick & snowing S. M. lowered for  
a whale & got him to the starboard boat  
Saw 3 ships get whales by ends with light breeze

Lat 70.50  
Lo 165.11

Tuesday Aug 29th comes in with  
calms & light air from N & N.E. we have seen  
but 4 whales today several ships in sight  
but none of them got a whale today  
weather thick & some snow



Wednesday Aug 30th comes in  
with fresh gales from N.E. employed  
killing weather thick & snowing  
Got a whale to the starboard boat cut him in  
Saw three other ships cutting

Have seen but few whales today  
Thursday 31st comes in with fresh  
gales from N. & Am. lowered for whales starboard  
waist boat struck the whale ran foul of the  
ice & parted the line & lost him  
Saw two ships get whales the Fox Pump  
& Vineyard

Lat 70.54  
Lo 165.40

Friday Sept 1st comes in  
with calm weather & continues steering  
the day slowed down 150 lbs. of oil  
Saw a few wild whales Saw the Californian  
pick up a whale

# Arctic Ocean

Saturday Sep 2<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with calms & continues through the day  
have seen but few whales & they going quick  
we have finished boiling & Sam intends to get a  
other whale soon spoke aboard the Oliver Crocker

Sunday Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> Comes in with calms  
& light air from S & calms got two white bears  
have seen but few ships boiling & whales & since  
weather cloudy & to 10<sup>th</sup>

Monday Sept 4<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
Lat 70.35 Strong gales from N E with clouds & cold weather  
Lat 64.30 Still to S E & work round a point of ice  
Spoke & gained with the Camilla & Winthrop  
& Cape Horn Siger

Tuesday Sept 5<sup>th</sup> comes in with light  
breezes from N with thick cloudy weather  
gained with the Cas Howland 16 whales  
have seen no whales today

Wednesday Sept 6<sup>th</sup> Comes in with gale  
from S W & thick Snowy weather 12 N. Here make to  
Lat 60 calm day ends this way

Thursday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
Strong gales from S E with thick Snowstorm blowing  
to the Westward in company with several ice  
& all bound for whales & had one m/jed to the  
Starvan bow boat day ends with fresh gales  
& fair weather have off Starvan 2 seals & 1 fine hole

Friday Sept 8<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
Gale from N E with thick Snow weather  
Saw the Cas Howland & the Ship & 6 others  
cutters day ends this way

Saturday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Strong gales  
Lat 71.20 & under have seen no whales today  
Lat 64.00 weather thick & cloudy and some fog



13k Mercury Arctic Ocean

At 66s

Sunday Sept 10th 1865

Came in with gale from NE & rugged  
cloudy weather under close reef

3 PM hove to for whales & drove them  
off Saw three or four

Monday, Sept 11th Came in with

Lat 71.35

strong breezes from NE with clear weather

Lo 167.40

Saw & chased several idle whales but could  
not strike saw one or two ships cutting

Tuesday Sept 12th

At 66s

Came in with strong breezes from NE with  
thick snow weather have seen but one whale  
to day & he going fast to the westward

Wednesday Sept 13th

Lat 165.17

Came in with smart gale from NE

Lo 71.10

& thick snow storm & continued through the  
day

Thursday Sept 14th Came in

with strong gales from NE & thick fog & saw  
two whales hauled & had one forpawed by the  
waist - it was thus my hand broke sticks  
close to one

Friday Sept 15th Came in with

moderate breezes from NE & thick fog & snow

Lat 71.20

& Am clear up to fine weather & continued

Lo 166.19

through the day saw the Elizabeth  
Swift cut a whale & two other ships  
birling

Saturday Sept 16th Came in

with strong breezes from NE & SE hauled

Lat 71.10

to SE & SSE have seen 8 or 10 ships most  
of them birling by ends with fresh  
breezes & cloudy weather

Lo 164.20

# Arctic Ocean

Lat 71 25 Sunday Sept 17th Comes in with sheet gale from South thick cloudy weather Saw the Mt. Webster put up a whale Day ends with strong gales & foggy weather

Monday Sept 18th Comes in with gale from ESE & thick rising weather & continues through the day Saw neither ship nor whale No Ob

Tuesday Sept 19 Comes in with thin cloud weather & light breeze from SE heading to the westward Sailed with the bar Stowland 19 whales this day No Ob

Lat 70.50 Wednesday Sept 20th Comes in with light breeze from N & NW within 10 p. Lat 68.25 to the ice have seen two whales today weather cleared with some snow Saw 7 ships one cutting but none of them appear to see anything

Thursday 21st Comes in with calm & light variable winds with some snow from SW } have not seen any whales today  
Sailed close } joined with the Swift-Martin Coral  
to the land } Geo. Group & Arnold's Saw several ships but no ice whaling.

Lat 70.53 Friday Sept 22th Comes in with sheet gales with thick snowy weather Middle part seen Lat 68.34 Saw & chased a few wild whales without success Day ends with light air & clearing

Saturday Sept 23th Comes in with gale from NE & cloudy weather Saw three or four whales today weather very foggy & no weather to whale

Lat 70.55 Sunday 24th Comes in with moderate weather Sailed off to the westward through the ice Lat 68.04 in company with the Coral Saw & chased some whales without success



3<sup>rd</sup> Mercury Arctic Ocean

Monday Sept 25<sup>th</sup> Comes in with snow  
gale from N.E with cloudy weather

Lat 71.15

Lo 169.36

Steering off to the westward in company  
with the Coral have seen nothing today  
6 P.M. Spoke the Martha Capt Thomas  
Drup & Raulaback for the night

Tuesday Sept 26<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
strong gales from N.E with rugged cloudy

Lat 70.40

Lo 172.30

weather Steering to Southward saw one whale  
but did not see him any more

Unset-shorten sail for the night

Wednesday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> Comes in  
with strong breezes from N.E & pleasant  
heavy swell running from N.E

Lat 69.30

Lo 173.03

We have been chasing whales all day  
but they are so wild we cant get  
near any of them have seen 9 or  
10 now better

Thursday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Comes  
in with calm weather & am light  
air from N.E raised whales & chased  
all day without success saw the  
Coral get a whale saw good show  
of whales but not still

Lat 69.33

Lo 173.00

Friday Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
light breezes from N.E with cloudy  
weather saw & chased whales 12 struck  
one to the waist boat & lost him by  
parting the line 5 P.M. Mate struck  
one & killed him took him along side  
& at 10 pm had him cut in

the ribs

Saturday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> comes in  
calm & cloudy & am fresh gales from N.W  
with snow saw whales & chased without  
success day ends with thick snowy  
weather & strong breezes

Arctic Ocean

Lat 69. 56  
Long 176. 00

Sunday Oct 1st Comes in with light  
breezes from NW & W 7 am down for whale  
oil one to the small boat 12 thick snowstorm  
173 lb heavy with squalls of snow S. M. finish  
cutting put ship under short sail

Lat 69. 64  
Long 176. 15

Monday Oct 2th Comes in with light  
with squalls of snow 7 am put the ship off to SE  
in company with the boat & several other ships

Saw the Martha cutting a whale Emptied boiler

Observations

Tuesday Oct 3th Comes in with strong  
breezes from NW Middle part light breezes  
S. M. Made the land off Cape Suez bearing 57  
50 miles dist S Made Cape East bearing 57  
60 miles dist day ends with pleasant weather  
Boat trimmed & E. S. kept in company  
Employed boiling

Observations

Wednesday Oct 4th Comes in with light  
breezes from E steering S. S. E for camp & S. M. passed Cape  
East the ice extending across to the grounds  
weather snowing & cloudy Employed boiling

Boiling

Thursday Oct 5th begins & ends with calm  
& cloudy weather we are about 8 miles south of the grounds  
& in a fair way to be current back

Employed boiling Thirst of the ship abated  
from with a large & good cut of ice

Friday Oct 6th Comes in with light  
from S with cloudy weather finished boiling &  
stowed down 150 lbs oil between decks & ended with  
light baffling winds & cloudy weather

Saturday Oct 7th Comes in with light  
breezes & thick weather S. M. saw the mountain  
of St. Lawrence Bay bearing 17th 20 miles dist  
latter part fresh gale from E. bearing 57 & 60

Sunday Oct 8th Comes in with light  
breezes from E & NE & continues there to the  
day S. M. we came up with St. Lawrence Bay  
land with the boat



13k Mercury Kamtska Sea

Monday Oct 9th Comes in with  
fresh gales from SE gamma with the  
Coral let her have some water

Middle & latter part Strong gales with rain

Tuesday Oct 10th Comes in with  
Strong gales from SE & thick cloudy weather  
with frequent squalls of snow & rain

Made good Island one point on the  
port bow carrying S E per compass 12 p.m.  
drew on the S.W. side one mile from  
the land Strong gales & cloudy through  
the day Saw the 12th November Starling  
to the South

Wednesday Oct 11th Comes in with  
Strong gales from SE with peeping clouds  
now 8 ships lying under short sail

Sub 38.68 6 S.M. spoke 13k Lagoeta Fisher reported  
saw 170.30 plenty of whels & then cut all  
hands & took in sail St Pauls  
Island in sight carrying S E 20 miles  
dist

Thursday Oct 12th Comes in  
with gale from SE with high sea but wind  
gradually moderates first the main tops  
sprung & sent it again 12 p.m. St Pauls  
Island at noon within 1 mile & 8.10 p.m.  
St George's Island & S.M. Calm by ends  
this time

Friday Oct 13th Comes in with

Sub 35.56 8 AM took ship to the E. steved wind backing  
to S Middle & latter part fresh gales  
fair weather but cloudy

Saturday Oct 14th Comes in with  
Strong cold from E & SE with cloudy weather  
steering S E by S for the 69 p.p. 6.10  
Shut the sail & have to fire the night

North Pacific

Sunday Oct 15th Comes in with heavy gale from NW 6p am kept the ship off under close reef to look for the Papage 7 Made the land when 8 hrs off to SSW to run through the straits blowing in gusts with hurricane violence & so thick we could see but a short distance 12 miles the land on the west side of the Papage & at 2 PM we are once more in the broad north Pacific Thanks to a merciful God for conducting us safely through this tempestuous day which is one of the worst times I have experienced in all my life

Monday Oct 16th Comes in with heavy gale from NW & thick cloudy weather - Studding ship under close reef topsail & foresail Ship making fine weather Course ESE for Comp. Latter part - calm moderate

Tuesday Oct 17th Comes in with smart gale from NW with frequent squalls Lt 48.25 of rain Course E for Comp Ship under Lt 162.20 all sail Middle & latter part - moderate breezes & clouds

Wednesday Oct 18th Comes in with fresh gale from NW with fair weather except scraping breeze Course E by N for Comp Sent out the Studding sails Day ends with moderate breezes from NW

Thursday Oct 19th Comes in with light breeze from SW with cloudy weather Employed cleaning line Lt 46.30 Lt 175.00 Middle & latter part strong gale Course E by N for Comp

Friday Oct 20th Comes in with Gale from SSE & rainy weather & continues through the day

Saturday Oct 21st Comes in with light breeze from SSE strong E by N for Comp from 11 AM cleaning our line Day ends with light rain & pleasant

Sunday Oct 22th Comes in with light air from SSE & SE with pleasant weather Day small amount of the compass Sun set - calm

Monday 24

the 24th

Lat 47.00  
Lt 168.16

No 6's

Lat 46.28  
Lt 147.55

the end of the day









*Bk Mercury Toward St Francisco*  
*Monday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> 1865*

Lat 45.20 Comes in with heavy gale from NW & W  
 Lo 145.30 & heavy rain squalls ship shuddering under close  
 reef main tops & foresail 12 more moderate & 1  
 ab reef & 1 M Still more more moderate set topgals  
 weather gradually moderating but high sea  
 day ends the same

Tuesday Oct 24<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
 fresh gale from SW 6 Am hauled to S & E  
 4 PM fresh topgals & 1 ab reef & fresh the  
 Main sail Day ends with smart gale  
 weather thick & cloudy No Obs

Wednesday Oct 25<sup>th</sup> Comes in  
 with gale from S & E 7 Am heavy rain  
 Lat 44.18 & wind hauled to SW & moderate fair weather  
 Lo 139.26 4 PM strong breezes from W SW & heavy swell  
 from E S & SW weather clear & pleasant day ends the same

Thursday Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Comes in with fresh  
 gales from SW 6 Am took to haul squall & light  
 breeze & fresh gales Middle part the same  
 Employed washing bone day ends with fresh gale  
 & pleasant

Friday Oct 27<sup>th</sup> Comes in  
 Lat 41.50 with fresh gales from S & pleasant - Employed  
 Lo 132.30 washing bone latter part strong breezes from  
 S & E

Saturday Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
 smart gale from S & E with thick rising weather & rain  
 through the day saw the Berkankie steering to the Westward  
 under short sail No Obs & 1 M coming away the  
 fire & flying keeling but soon repair the damage

Sunday Oct 29<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light  
 Lat 40.20 breezes from SW & thick fog & rain & Am calm  
 Lo 127.28 12 light breezes from S with day ends with thick rising  
 weather

730 Mercury  
Monday Oct 30/65. Comes in with strong  
gales from NW with pleasant weather finishing  
washing our boat & all made the land to the N of  
Point Reyes & we are steering up for the Golden Gate  
under all sail with a spanking breeze



"The Mercur, Succeeded the Line

Friday Dec 29<sup>th</sup> At 11 Am Took the Steam  
Tug Rescue & towed to Sea with pleasant  
weather & calm - At 3 PM light breeze  
from NW & continues through the day  
Steering S by E Comp

Saturday Dec 30<sup>th</sup> Comes in with snow  
Lat 35° 15' got from NW with passing clouds  
Lo 123. 20 Saw a schooner on a wind under short  
sail The sea is high & the ship is rolling  
heavy breeze - E by E Comp  
All this day smart gale latter part wind from  
N

Sunday Dec 31<sup>st</sup> Comes  
in with strong gale from N & NE but  
Lat 32° 4' gradually moderating At 3 PM light  
Lo 121. 05 breeze & sea goes down  
latter part light breeze & pleasant

Monday Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

Lat 31. 05 Comes in with light breeze from  
Lo 119. 30 SE & pleasant Steering ESE by E Comp  
Day ends with light air

Tuesday Jan 2<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
light air from SE & pleasant daylight

Lat 30 28 Made the land North of the Co. of St.  
Lo 117. 04 Perries Saw several pinticks -

Employed filling the new Main the  
Day ends with light air Steering SE by E

Wednesday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> Comes  
in with calm weather & Air. Windy  
fog clear away calm through the

On the Coast of California

Feb-28, 56  
Feb 17, 14

Thursday Jan 4/66 begins & ends with calms  
filled & sent up a new main stay

Friday Jan 5th comes in with calm & continues  
through the day. Employed looking out in afternoon  
to make Stowage. Caught a large turtle 7 P.M. Crossed  
bars East 3 miles dist from the point

Saturday Jan 6th comes in with light air  
& comes with thick haze. weather saw few boats. Trying to  
make 2 P.M. raised a ship in turtle bar. Writing down  
my boat & went onboard it proved to be the Harrier  
loaded with four whales. Day ends with light air  
from S.W.

Sunday Jan 7th comes in with calm  
& light air from all points of the compass. 10 am a boat  
from the L.P. West come onboard reported her with one  
whale towed over boats & chased whales but without  
success. I went onboard of the Almeria capt. Cohen  
of Albarbora who has two whales also the <sup>11</sup>/<sub>12</sub> of the  
L. whales

Monday Jan 8/66 comes in with a  
calm from S.W. & N.W. worked up in P.M. on  
& boarded the John Howland she & the Purcella time of morning  
saw & chased two whales day ends with light breeze with  
passing clouds

Tuesday Jan 9th comes in with  
& continues through the day weather cloudy & with  
sprinkling rain

Wednesday Jan 10th comes in  
with fresh calm from S.W. 11 p.m. the Almeria  
Capt. Huntling & went onboard a few moments  
he was boiling his 3<sup>rd</sup> whale saw the Purcella  
lying under Maxacunda Head 3 whales  
Day ends with fresh breeze



## 73<sup>th</sup> Mercury Toward the Line

Thursday Jan<sup>y</sup> 11/66 comes in with  
fresh gales from N<sup>W</sup> running down the  
Coast for Cape St. Lucas & S<sup>W</sup> hauled about  
10 miles to windward of the Cape for the night  
day ends pleasant with fresh breezes

Friday Jan<sup>y</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
light breezes from N<sup>W</sup> & W<sup>W</sup> 9 Am lowered  
my boat & went on shore at Cape St. Lucas  
to land letters & to trade  
observed some humpbacks without success  
day ends with light breezes

Saturday Jan<sup>y</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> comes  
in with calm weather & continues through  
the day Cape St. Lucas in sight 20 miles  
south of us

Sunday Jan<sup>y</sup> 14/66 comes in  
Lat 21.34 with calm & light air from N<sup>W</sup> & S<sup>W</sup>  
Lo 108.30 & continues through the day

Monday Jan<sup>y</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
Lat 20.28 light breezes from N<sup>W</sup> & S<sup>W</sup> & continues  
Lo 107.29 through the day employed fitting new  
Main Royal Mast stays & other ship work

Tuesday Jan<sup>y</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> comes in  
Lat 18.28 with fresh gales from N<sup>W</sup> & pleasant  
Lo 106.30 crew employed at various parts of  
ship doing course S<sup>W</sup> & E per course

Wednesday Jan<sup>y</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
Lo 106.16 light airs from N<sup>W</sup> & continues through the day  
weather warm & pleasant

Toward the Line

Thursday Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1866 comes in with light  
St-16 30 air fresh & continues through the day  
to 106.50 weather warm & pleasant employed at various  
parts of ship duty

Friday Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1866 comes in with  
St-16 33 light breezes from N & NE & continues through the day  
to 105.50 course SE by S for Cape  
employed at ship duty

Saturday Jan 20<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
St-12 00 gobs & continues through the day course SE by S  
to 104.04 wind E by N employed at various parts of  
ship duty

Sunday Jan 21<sup>st</sup>  
St-10 05 comes in with strong easterly wind & storm  
to 104.10 by the wind heading SE by E for Cape  
strong easterly through the day

Monday Jan 22 comes in with  
to 66 heavy squalls of rain with thunder &  
lightning & continues through the day

Tuesday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> comes in with  
St-6 20 light breezes & pleasant employed at various parts of  
to 103.04 main topsail bay ends pleasant

Wednesday Jan 24<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
St-4 20 light breezes with passing clouds  
to 102.56 without & Main topsail & bent  
employed repairing a boat -

Thursday Jan 25<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
light breezes with passing clouds  
& continues through the day



Stk Mercury on the Line

Friday Jan 26/66

Comes in with light air & cloudy  
Middle & latter part calm & rainy

No observation we are making slow  
headway

Saturday Jan 28th

Lat 2.18 Comes in with calm & cloudy

Lo 105.08 weather & continues through the  
day

Sunday Jan 29th

Comes in with calm cloudy weather 10 AM  
commence to rain, first breeze from S.E  
& continues through the day.

No observation

Monday Jan 30th comes in

with light breeze from S.E & pleasant.  
Lat 1.18 Steady by the wind heading S.S.W. for

Lo 106.35 completely Breeze light & pleasant through  
the day

Tuesday Jan 30th comes

in with light air from S.E & pleasant  
Middle & latter part calm

Lat 00.00 Launch twice for Blackbird. Struck

Lo 106.56 two drawn from ~~two~~ one & excellently  
cut from the other -

Wednesday Jan 31st comes

Lat 46.1 in with fresh gale from S.E & pleasant

Lo 107.44 & continues through the day

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Cruising for Sperm Whales on the off shore

Thursday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> comes in with light  
Set 2. 18 breezy & continues through the day employed  
to 109.44 setting up lower rigging weather warm & pleasant

Friday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> comes in with  
Set 3. 10 light air from S E & continues through the day  
to 110.13 have seen nothing to day

Saturday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> comes in with  
fresh gales from S E & continues through the day  
Set 4. 40 with fine pleasant weather have seen nothing today  
to 112.19

Sunday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> comes in with fresh  
gales from S E & continues through the day weather  
Set 5. 25 fair with passing clouds 3 Am taken ship.  
to 112.40 to the S E have seen nothing to day

Monday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
fresh gales from S E & S E heading to  
Set 4. 34 S E weather cloudy with light squalls  
to 110.56 of rain have seen nothing today  
Employed ratting down rigging

Tuesday Feb 6<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
light breezy & cloudy with frequent squalls  
of rain have seen nothing to day & it looks  
very dry about here

Wednesday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
strong gales from S E steering by N by compass  
Set 4 we have seen nothing today employed taking down  
to 111.11 & repairing. Rigging topmast & the sail  
Sunset shortened sail for the night & the  
quarter watch.

Thursday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
Set 110.58 fresh gales & cloudy & continues through the day  
Set 4. 25 Thus another day is passed & nothing seen



3<sup>th</sup> Mercury on the off shore ground.

Friday July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Comes in with fresh gales & some  
rain & continues through the day  
At 4<sup>th</sup> have seen nothing to day & I don't believe  
there is a sperm whale in the ocean  
for me.

Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> comes in  
with strong breeze from S E daylight made  
Lat 4.40 all sail & stood to S W till sunset  
Lat 112.15 when we were ship. & took in sail for  
the night down to 6<sup>th</sup> reefs  
have seen nothing to day.

Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> comes in  
with fresh gales & pleasant daylight  
Lat 3.55 made all sail & stood to the Southwestern  
Lat 113.46 have seen nothing through the day  
3 PM were ship to the Southwestern  
sunset took in sail for the night

Monday July 12<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fresh gales & pleasant  
Lat 5.18 daylight made all sail & stood to S W 4 PM  
Lat 114.45 took ship - Employed repairing main by all  
have seen nothing to day sunset took in sail

Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Lat 4.50 comes in with fresh gales & hazy day  
Lat 114.35 clouds subside the main sail repaired  
& bent it again have seen nothing today

Wednesday July 14<sup>th</sup>

Lat 3.40 Fine weather through the day but  
Lat 114.18 saw nothing - bent the foresail  
& repaired & bent it again so ended

Thursday July 15<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fresh gales with warm  
Lat 2 15 & pleasant weather repaired & bent the gaff  
Lat 114.36 To sail struck two porpoises & lost both  
nothing else in .. so ended

On the line

Friday July 16<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light breezes &  
Lat-1 25 Continues through the day have seen nothing as  
to 114.26 usual unbent the Lib & flyjib repair & bent  
them again

Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup> Comes  
in warm & pleasant - course WSW per comp.  
Lat-30 S Sunset - buffed by the wind & took in sail  
to 115.04 Repair the foretop sail

Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup>  
Lat-37 S Fine pleasant weather through the day  
to 115.40 Steady W by N per comp.

Monday July 19<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
Lat-28 in light breezes & very warm weather have done the  
to 116.16 front of my logworks & rebuilt them  
course W by N per comp.

Tuesday July 20<sup>th</sup>  
Lat-25 S Comes in with warm & pleasant weather  
to 117.40 have seen nothing today Course W per comp.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Comes in as above  
Lat-10 S have seen nothing Course W per comp.  
to 118.48

Thursday July 22<sup>th</sup> Comes in as above  
Lat-030 S nothing of note to day  
to 120.05 Course WSW Breeze light -  
Employed at various parts of ship etc

Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup> Nothing of note  
to day Repair foretop gall and sail  
Course WSW per comp.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>  
Lat 2.00 Nothing remarkable today Breeze light  
to 122.28 & weather cloudy with light & fine rain  
fitted a Main staysail Course WSW

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>  
Lat 23.6 Comes in with warm & pleasant weather  
to 124.18 Continues through the day  
Course WSW per comp.



Br Mercury Toward the Burgess Islands  
Monday July 26/66

Lat 3.10 Comes in with fresh gales & passing clouds  
Lo 126.17 Course NW by W for camp under all sail  
have seen nothing today

Tuesday July 27th

Lat 3.40 Comes in with fresh gales & pleasant  
Lo 129.3 Course S W by W for camp nothing remarkable  
to day

Wednesday July 28th

Lat 4.26 Comes in with fresh gales & frequent  
Lo 131.23 rain squalls Course S W by W for camp  
have seen nothing today

Thursday March 1st - Comes

Lat 6.10 in with fresh gales with frequent squalls  
Lo 133.16 of rain Course S W by W for camp have seen  
nothing today

Friday March 2th

Comes in with light breeze & pleasant

Lat 7.30 Steering S W by S for camp, regained the vizir Ste, in  
Lo 135.11 Have seen nothing today

Saturday March 3rd Comes in  
with light airs & pleasant - 12 raised white  
water soon saw it - again I made out.

Lat 9.35 Sperm whales breaved him one sniped to  
Lo 137.00 the Starboard boat - snate struck

& buried for Starboard boat struck  
two waifin one & lost him soon  
four & we are hopeful to find more  
tomorrow

Sunday March 4th Comes in with

Lat 9.36 Squally weather cut in one whales &  
Lo 137.10 Steered the works have seen nothing  
today cruising under sheet sail

Monday March 5th

Lat 10.44 Have seen nothing today

Lo 136.40 Employed boilers have seen nothing today

7.6. Mercury off Marcus Island  
 Tuesday March 6th comes in with  
 strong breeze with passing clouds

Empire in vision have seen within 10 days  
 Wednesday March 7th comes in with moderate  
 breeze & pleasant Empire in vision 20th made the  
 137.34 Island of Dominica bearing 570-45 miles first  
 day ends pleasant seen nothing today

Thursday March 8th comes in with  
 strong breeze from E & ESE cruising on diff. look  
 finished vision whales yield 70 bbls

S.P. left off for Wykeham being 40 miles dist.

Friday March 9th comes in with  
 fresh gales & some squalls 8 AM come to anchor  
 at Resolution Bay & got 6 ropes 11 casks ashore  
 find this place to be the meekest of all creation  
 for recruiting a ship.

Saturday March 24/66  
 7 AM took over anchor & got under way with  
 light airs off the land & lie in a calm all  
 day in the channel between Wykeham & Dominica  
 weather warm & pleasant

Sunday calm weather 9 AM  
 lowered my boat & went on shore at Saint John  
 I laid out a few moments  
 Saw the ship to understand sailing off & on  
 with a good breeze  
 Day ends with rain gust-gales from East

Monday March 26th comes in with  
 light breeze sailing off & on at Saint John  
 recruits 8 PM finished loading & left off  
 to St. John with light breeze

Tuesday 27th light airs 11 AM for  
 Ouehonga Northward on our port beam  
 Saw two ships



13k. Mercury towards the Sandwich Islands

Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
Lat 7.38 light air & very warm weather tiller put  
Lo 140.11 Suezally. Nothing remarkable today

Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fresh gales from N E with  
Lat 6.00 frequent rain squalls Middle & latter part  
Lo 141.08 light air & very warm

Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
light breezes from N by E & N E we have the wind  
Lat 4.30 very cramping but I hope it will heel soon.  
Lo 142.8 in our favor The weather is very warm  
& pleasant have seen nothing today

Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> comes in with  
light breezes from E & E with passing clouds  
course N by W for comp. have seen nothing today  
Lat 2.40 Last evening we witnessed a total eclipse of  
Lo 142.39 the moon from half past six o'clock till 8  
our position was in 4-16 S Long 142.30.45 W  
The sky was perfectly clear & it was darker  
than usual when there is no moon

Day ends with light breezes & very warm

Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>

Comes in with fresh gales & pleasant  
Lat 0.40 course N by W for comp. find a current setting  
Lo 143.13 to the westward 18 miles in 24 hours

Day ends pleasant

Monday April 2<sup>th</sup> comes in with

N fresh gales from N E & N E by E with passing clouds  
Lat 1.20 course N by W for comp. weather very warm & pleasant  
Lo 143.06

Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> comes in with  
fresh gales & heavy swell running from N E  
Lat 3.34 course N N W for comp. tiller part breeze light  
Lo 143.43 weather fine with passing clouds

Towards the Sandwich Islands

Wednesday April 4/66

Lat - 6.00  
to 143.50

Came in with fine pleasant weather & fresh gales from NE Course NW by N for comp Day ends with heavy squalls

Thursday April 5th comes in

with strong gales accompanied with heavy

Lat 8.40  
to 145.50

squalls of wind & rain Course NW by N Wind NE Day ends the same

Friday April 6th comes in with strong

gales & squalls 6 am split the fore topgallant sail

Lat 11.36  
to 147.50

Sent it down & repaired it & bent it again Day ends with strong gales from NE

Saturday April 7th comes in with

Lat 14.30  
to 149.40

strong gales from NE & continues through the day Course NW by N for comp

Sunday April 8th comes in with

strong gales from NE by N & NE course

Lat 17.10  
to 151.52

NW for comp weather thick & cloudy but no rain Day ends the same

Monday April 9th comes in

with strong gales from NE 11 PM am made

Oroy he 5 PM up with the land

& lay off & on through the night

daylight - kept off to the westward

Tuesday 10 Strong gales

Running down the land to look for a place

to get recruits Lt P M spoke the Lt & Thompson

Brown from Honolulu

Wednesday April 11th comes in

with strong gales from ENE we are

working up to the windward 12 M

Loose my boat & went on shore to Ches

Spencers Landing but could get nothing

come on board & down boats for Holo

Thursday April 12th comes in

with strong gales & required to split the stajib &

main topgalls repaired the flyjib & bent it

bent another main topgalls we are working up again



7th Mercury toward Honolulu  
Friday April 13th comes in with  
light winds from E & E 10 am landed  
on boat off 24th & went on shore for  
the Islander Henry Courser & Johnlin  
Lucia Hathaway Europa Pierce & the  
Moulded Flowers in part handled under way  
Bought some supplies & sent my boat on board

Saturday April 14th comes  
in with light breeze & calms, & come on board  
& put off for Koa-hai for Potatoes in  
company with the Islander day ends with  
fresh breezes

Sunday April 15th comes  
in pleasant & am come to anchor at  
Loahi for potatoes

Thursday April 19th comes  
in with light airs & then took my anchor  
& stood out head a sea direct by name  
of Lindley Patten  
L & M took the trades heavy & reefed  
& furled the light sails parted the  
fly jib Martin gale chain  
6 made all sail 7 off the Island  
of Lowrow 3 miles distant ship under all sail

From the above to the 26  
have been at Honolulu discharging  
oil & rearming ship at Atoua

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Bk Mercury toward the Arctic Ocean

Friday April 27<sup>th</sup> Comes in  
Lat 22.35 with calm cloudy weather with heavy  
S to 160.02 Swell 12 light breezes from NE  
2 PM strong gale Course N by W  
in company with the Nile  
but leaving him fast.

Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> comes  
in with strong gales from NE & heavy sea  
Lat 24.40 Ship under all sail Course N by W  
to 162.11 Nile in sight astern from mast head  
day ends with strong breezes

Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> comes in  
with strong gales from NE during day  
Lat 26.36 for Comp. weather clear & light breeze  
to 165.46 day ends the same

Monday April 30<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
Lat 29.12 strong gale from NE middle & latter part light  
to 167.45 breezes & pleasant Repaired to Main topsail

Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> 1866  
Lat 30.46 Comes in with light breezes from NE. Middle  
to 168.03 & latter part light airs & calms employed repairing  
to Main-Topsail

Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1866  
) Comes in with light breezes from NE  
Ship heading N by W for comp.  
Lat 30.46 6 PM looked ship to NNE  
to 169.11 Employed repairing sails day ends with light  
breezes & cloudy

Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1866  
Lat 32.10 Comes in with fresh gales from NE  
to 169.12 Middle & latter part strong gale & squalls  
of rain & rained the topsail.



## 33k. Mercury - Toward Arctic Ocean

May 4<sup>th</sup> 1866 Comes in with  
strong gale from NW to NWN  
Lat 34.06 8 AM set topgallant & 3 PM blurring  
Long 168.18 on fresh fresh light sails  
6 crew ship heading NW 2/3 comp.  
Day ends with smart calm

Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with strong gale  
from NW & cloudy blurring of the  
Lat 39.30 wind heading NW 1/2 comp.  
Long 169.59 Day ends with moderate breeze

Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light breeze from  
Lat 35 10.1.4 NW & 1 heading from NW to NWN  
Long 171.40 Middle & latter part calm & pleasant

Monday May 7<sup>th</sup>

Lat 35 16 comes in with calm & continuous strong  
Long 171.50 the day repaired a foretop sail & bent a new one  
See also May 8<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light breeze from SE with  
cloudy weather 10 AM rainy repaired the foresail  
under the main topgallant sail to repair  
but the rain prevented so ends with  
thick rainy weather & light airs from SE

Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with strong gale with light squalls  
Lat 37.34 of rain Middle & latter part light airs from NW  
Long 174.30 with peeping clouds repaired a fore topgallant sail

Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light airs from SE with cloudy  
7.00 weather 12 AM rainy & fresh gale 3 PM strong  
breeze & thick & rainy

Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> Comes

in with strong gale from SW & NW & continues  
through the day with thick fog & some rain  
No 6.6

Ship Mercury Toward the Arctic Ocean

Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> Comes in with strong gale from S & E  
Ship heading N W per compass weather thick & rainy 11 am  
Lt 43.00 wind hauled to S W & then lay fast in rain & S W  
to 178.00 the foretop sail day ends with strong gale & passing clouds.

Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with strong gale from S W with passing  
Lt 43.20 clouds ship heading S E by N per compass  
to 178.20 Middle & latter part strong gale & rain

Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> Comes in with

Lt 43.40 Calms & am light air from S E Middle & latter  
to 178.27 part strong breezes & cloudy course S W per compass

Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup> Comes in with gale

Lt 46 40 from S E & thick rain storm 11 rain ceased weather  
to 179 19 E. thick & cloudy latter part gale from N S W & S W  
course N W per N W per compass.

Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> heavy gale

No Obs from N S W I am fast & sail masted & fore  
top sail & close up the main  
weather thick & some rain day ends with heavy  
gale but gradually moderating

Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup> Comes in with

No Obs moderate breezes from S W with thick cloudy weather  
Lt 49.00 I am made all sail course N W per N W per compass  
to 178 15 E Middle & latter part light air & the sails are flapping  
badly.

Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> Comes in with gale from

No Obs S E & thick rain storm & continue through the day strong  
per compass under all sail We are near the land  
& it is so thick we cannot see but at that distance.

Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> Comes in with

gale from S E with thick fog & rain the morning  
rain laid close aboard kept the ship off to S E  
I am rain & Breaker ahead but the ship went  
upset - but - but before the ship could be right to  
the wind she struck three times but not down  
the stern & the ship & then the ship was found  
all right - I am kept off to S E by N - made the  
& shipped our course through - now we are in the rain & sea  
ends with thick fog



13k Macey names on the row

Sunday May 20th 1866

Lat 34.15 Comes in with calm & thick fog 3 PM fog lifts  
Lat 32.46 with light breeze from S & near swell  
Course N N W for camp

Monday May 21st Comes in with

Lat 35.06 with air & fog Middle & latter part calm  
Lat 32.38 in the topsails & mainsail & best others  
repair the mainsails day ends with thick fog

Tuesday May 22th Comes in

with a light breeze from S & some snow 12 wind

Lat 36.66 1 PM Tack ship to N E day ends with light breeze  
Lat 30.53 Y present

Wednesday May 23rd Comes in

in with light air from S & Tack several

Lat 37.10 times as the wind holds weather thick &  
Lat 31.05 Snowy then

Thursday May 24th Comes in with

fresh gales from S E & can raise the sail 11

Lat 38.36 Spoke & joined with her from to be the last word  
Lat 30.17 Unknown 1 month from Honolulu

Middle & latter part light breeze from N E

Friday May 25th Comes in with

light air from S E & N W 11 am calm

Lat 39.44 & continued through the day joined with  
Lat 36.15 the last word Cape Cod by 7 P.M.  
N E 30 miles dist

Saturday May 26th Comes in

with calm weather 9 am light air from

E N E stood up within 3 miles of the land

18 miles to N W of Chatterby 2 PM took

to S E last word & other sails in sight

Find any chronometers right

Sunday May 27th

Comes in with fair turn. 2 E 7 sails in sight

9 am 12 sails & close reef & fresh breeze a ship  
showing in ends with heavy gale

Stapelschakke Sea

Monday May 28th Comes in with gale from E  
with snow & rain & continues through the day

Ship under cloths 10 lbs

Tuesday May 29th Comes in with gale from  
N E & thick fog & some snow. At 1.15 cleared up saw one  
sail wind gradually abating came out the reef & set  
jib & foresail. Day ends with strong gale & rugg.

No Observation

Wednesday May 30th Comes  
in with strong gale from N E with rain & snow  
continues through the day. Saw two sails. Day ends  
with strong gale N E.

Thursday May 31st Comes in with strong  
Breezes from N E & continues through the day  
weather thick & snowy 3 sails in sight

When we are to have any fair wind I don't  
know but am literally discouraged in looking  
for any more fair weather

Friday June 1st Comes in with  
light breezes from N E & rain commences to  
snow & wind freshening latter part saw  
gale with rain & snow

I am discouraged thinking of ever having any  
more fair winds or good weather

Saturday June 2nd Comes in  
with fresh breezes from N E & N E with rain  
& snow & continues through the day

For two weeks we have been head winds  
& there is no prospect of anything else

Sunday June 3rd Comes in with  
light breezes from N & pleasant weather with  
the boat - word by ends

Monday June 4th Comes in with calm  
& pleasant weather 3.15 light breeze from E & E  
Day ends the same. Saw some sailing ships



73k Mercury Off Cape Thaddeus

Tuesday June 5th Comes in with light airs from E & cloudy 8 am thick fog & continues through the day we are running through scattering ice. the ice is nearly gone & the whales also the season is unusually open & the whales have gone with early

Wednesday June 6th

Thick fog & light airs from E & cloudy 2 the day same with the foggy & dark moon lying in the ice

Thursday June 7th Comes in with clear weather - 10 light airs from NW 1 am made sail & steered to St. E through the ice Middle & better part calm

Cape Thaddeus being 12 miles distant shot several seals

Friday June 8th Comes in with light airs from N & pleasant 5 am succeeded in getting through the ice saw two whales but only saw them once a number of ships in sight but no one whaling Day ends pleasant

Saturday June 9th Comes in with calm & pleasant 10 am light breeze from SE & continues through the day we have been running off through the ice all day 35 ships in sight & only 3 boating saw one Curlew

Sunday June 10th Comes in with fresh gale from SW about 30 ships in sight 3 boating toward my boats & went in the ice in pursuit of whales but saw none Day ends with strong gale from SW ship under 50 reef topsails

# In the Canadian Sea

~~Monday~~ Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light breezes from N<sup>W</sup> run the ship in the ice to look for whales but saw none saw several boats chasing in the ice but saw nothing ourselves a number of ships packed up in the ice with all sail furled I took run out of the ice & stood off to the Eastward

Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup> Comes in with calm & pleasant - 10 am light airs from S<sup>E</sup> steering to the North let 63.46 along the ice 27 ships in sight one boiling have seen two to 177.44<sup>th</sup> Ships chasing but none got a whale I think fog

Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light breezes from N<sup>E</sup> & thick fog & continues shore the day lying aback in the ice have seen 3 ships in the ice have seen no whales nor do expect to do any

Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup> Comes in with thick fog & light-airs from S<sup>W</sup> 9 am fog lighted saw several ships one boiling we stood off to the E N<sup>E</sup> around the ice saw the Bk Florence pick up a whale the Alpha also picked up a whale As for myself I can see nothing at all

Friday June 15<sup>th</sup> Comes in with calm & thick fog 9 am light breezes from E steered to S<sup>W</sup> spoke the Bk Massachusetts boiling her first whale latter part calm to ends

Saturday <sup>16<sup>th</sup></sup> Comes in with light variable winds I have bound my boats & went in the ice in pursuit of whales 12 thick fog we saw nothing in the ice at all was in with 4 boats for 3 hours latter part just got from the weather mist & cloudy

Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup> Comes in with calm & thick fog 7 am light airs from N & thick fog Middle & latter part strong breezes spoke the Eagle of N Bedford nothing this season



Bd Mercury

Monday June 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

Comes in with fresh gales from S & pleasant  
we are working up along the ice in pursuit of  
whales but can see none. Saw the Northern  
Light boiling Day ends with strong breezes

Tuesday June 19<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light  
airs & calms working the ship along the ice to the  
Eastward saw a number of ships but no whales  
weather closed. Cape Behring bearing S 40 miles  
dist- 11 PM Saw a whale lower but saw him no more

Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup> Comes  
in with calms & light winds from from W & S  
steering through the ice for Cape Behring several  
ships in sight steering up for the cape

Day ends with light airs from SE  
& pleasant - several whales come along ship

Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup> Comes in with  
light airs from W & calms trying to work up  
to Cape Behring against wind & tide & make  
slow headway two ships in sight - weather

Friday June 22<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light  
breezes from S & pleasant & am looking for whales  
but without success saw a good many I think  
fog saw three ships get whales 8 PM came  
to anchor 15 miles North of Cape Behring

Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> Comes in  
with calms & light airs from S & cloudy  
took our anchor & stood down the bay.  
12 M came to anchor - again saw two whales  
chased without success saw 4 ships get  
whales sent two boats down the bay to look  
for whales not yet returned bringing fresh  
& thick fog appearance of a southerly

## Anadir Sea

Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light wind & pleasant - have seen no whales coming down ship, killing but none whaling, - send with the engine. I saw of A Beaufort nothing this season

Monday June 25<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light breeze & pleasant 3 Am raised whales call all hands & to work but without success saw two ships got whales - we have seen in the ice the most of the day but saw nothing they was digging

Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup> Comes in with strong gales from ESE & SE with thick weather have seen no whales today nor signs of any have been all day in the ice with the ship. Several other ships in sight but none doing any thing

Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup> Comes in with strong gales from S & SE We are working through the ice & trying to get into clear water. At PM Come up with the Sant Wood Storer in the ice & looking so that pumping & Belm would just keep her from put a Boat crew outboard of her to assist in pumping out the ship.

Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup> Comes in with strong gales from SW 1 PM took our anchor - in company with the Sant Wood & Spruce bark for Meenus Harbor had to work through the ice found the French ship Winslow with her masts gone lying here also the Spleatin & Swift Courier (both) & Florida

Friday June 29<sup>th</sup> Comes in with thick cloudy weather lying at anchor in Meenus Harbor - 8 ships of us

Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup> Comes in with thick fog & calm went on shore to shoot some ducks and pour lamps by night with fog. Flawla the Sant Wood on the flat to repair her stowed bow



Bk Mercury

Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> - Comes in with  
fresh breezes from S & thick fog

Letter part moderate & cloudy with  
indications of bad weather & the ice  
is setting in around the ships rather  
thick for comfort Day ends fair

Monday July 2<sup>th</sup> Comes in  
with strong gales from S & wind gradually  
increasing latter part - smart gale from S  
with thick weather The Saut Wood is repaired &  
off at anchor again

Tuesday July 3<sup>rd</sup> Comes in with thick  
cloudy weather & some rain, still lying at anchor  
& in all round the ships

Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup> Comes in  
with thick fog went on board of the French  
ship & helped him hang his rudder  
considerable ice in amongst the ships  
& no prospect of getting out

Thursday July 5<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
strong gales from S & thick fog. Ship still at  
anchor - in Mercury Harbor & some are going  
out & in with the tide

I hope we may be liberated before long

Friday July 6<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
strong breezes from S & thick cloudy weather  
dense fog the most of the day. There is more  
ice than usual to day & the ships that are in  
it are drifting down very fast toward us

Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
light airs from S & thick cloudy weather Ice  
all round the ships & no signs of getting clear

The wind this afternoon is from S E & fresh  
& we are in hopes the ice will set-off & let  
us out in 6 day or two

## Unadilla Sea

Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup> the light air & calm last night & day  
look for whales but saw none no signs  
of any 4 P.M. boats come on board

Monday July 9<sup>th</sup> Comes in with thick  
calm weather & some rain tiller part light breeze  
from S.E. From the above to the following  
date we are lying in port-Rose to get clear of ice

Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup> Comes in with fresh gales from  
S.E. 2 P.M. took our anchor in Port-Rose & worked  
out of the harbor soon after getting our anchor the  
wind all died out & we were obliged to tow out  
8 A.M. light breeze Day ends with fresh gales saw  
the Florida Barb strike a whale, 7 other ships got under  
way in company with us

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light air  
& calm 12 M. fresh gales from S.E. 4 P.M. timber ship  
under Cape Behring 3 miles dist

Day ends with strong gales & cloudy with some rain

Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> Comes in with  
calm & thick rain & fog 10 A.M. fresh gales from  
W 12 clear saw the land 10 miles dist

Come & go company which is a true course from  
Cape Behring to Thru Bay 3 P.M. calm & ships  
in sight Day ends thick & cloudy

Sunday July 22<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
thick fog & light air from E 10 A.M. calm & rainy  
3 P.M. light-breeze from S.W. with thick fog & rain  
our position off Indian Point  
Day ends with fresh gales & thick fog & rain

Monday July 23<sup>rd</sup> Comes in with calm  
& light breeze from S.E. Middle part thick fog  
latter part clear we are off St. Lawrence to sea  
ships at anchor 3 others in sight



36 *Mercur Behring Strait*  
Tuesday July 24<sup>th</sup>

Came in with light breezes from  
N E & thick cloudy weather 3 am came to anchor  
under St Lawrence head to get a raft of water  
to get our raft on shore & fill it but had  
not water enough to float the raft &  
I think we shall have to abandon the  
idea & go away without it. Thick  
fog & rain till 3 P.M. when the fog  
lighted

Wednesday July 25<sup>th</sup> comes in  
with calm weather 3 am got underway  
but the wind all died out & we came  
to again at 5. Day ends calm & thick fog

Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup> comes in  
with light breezes from S & thick fog 2 am  
took our anchor & stood for Cape East  
4 am strong gales & heard breakers the fog being  
so thick could not see anything. The wind at once  
died out & we were obliged to let go the  
anchor to keep from going on shore

8 am light breeze from W took our anchor  
& kept off again 10 fog lighted Low Cape East  
being N N W day ends with moderate breezes

Friday July 27<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
strong gales from S E with cloudy weather  
steering N by W for compass saw two sails  
later just thick & rainy steered N E

Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup>

All these 24 hours light breezes with  
thick fog & rain

Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> comes in  
with thick fog 2 P.M. lighted saw & joined  
with the ship Julian Day ends with  
rain

# Arctic Ocean

Monday July 30th Comes in with light  
breezes from S & thick fog & rain & continues through  
the day & wind with the S.W. wind

Tuesday Aug 31st Comes in with light  
& light breezes from S & S.W. fog lightened down the  
& 3 ships day ends with thick fog

Wednesday August 1st Comes in  
with light breeze from S & thick cloudy weather with some  
8 am clear up saw the sea but - no whales  
better part - smart gale from N.E. & S.W.

## Thursday August 2nd

Comes in with strong breezes from N & W. & wind  
with some snow 12 turned out the topsails, saw a  
Lat 70 50 back of our fore topsail sent it down & down  
Lat 66 16 another day ends moderate wind & strong current  
Setting to the Eastward 2 knots per hour

## Friday August 3rd Comes in with

Lat 70.30 Strong breezes from S & pleasant, we are carrying  
Lat 165.10 all sail to get to the Westward as we find  
we have a 3 knot current setting us on the line  
- 1 P.M. all reefed the topsails day ends with  
strong gales & other sails in sight

## Saturday August 4th

Comes in with light & cloudy  
weather & wind with the S.W. & S. by E. & S. by W.  
several ships in sight none of them doing  
any thing

## Sunday August 5th

Comes in with light breezes from S & S.W. & rain  
Turning to do along the ice in company with  
10 other ships day ends with fresh breeze & S.W. wind

## Monday August 6th

Comes in with thick snow & rain & S.W. wind  
from N.E. & 8 am buried the Kanaka in  
this last evening day ends with smart  
gale & wind with the S.W. & S.W. by W.

A Remarkable by the  
name of Leif Ericson  
Cape 4 S.W. by W.  
with S.W. wind in the West



Wh 1 Mercury

Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup> 1868

Comes in with light breezes from  
N E & thick fog & continuing through  
the day & I don't know as we shall  
ever have any clear weather again

It is enough to discourage any one  
Wednesday August 8<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with thick fog & rain with  
fresh gales from N & continues through.  
The day have seen two whales toward  
the boats but saw them no more so ends  
another day

Thursday August 9<sup>th</sup>

Thick fog & light breezes from N W  
P M fog lighted saw several Islands  
being N 20 miles but no whales to day

Friday Aug 10<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light breezes from  
N W & thick fog 12 M fog lighted saw  
27 ships but no whales no one boiling  
Day ends with cloudy weather

Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with calms & fog hauled in  
ship along side of a cake of ice & took  
onboard 150 bbls of water 12 M finished  
fog lighted saw one whale but only saw  
him once saw the Trident pick up  
a dead whale saw several other  
boats chasing, but saw only one whale

Sunday Aug 12<sup>th</sup> comes in  
with light breezes from N & some rain  
Saw & chased 4 or 5 whales but without  
success latter part fresh gales & thick & surry

Monday Aug 13<sup>th</sup>

Thick fog strong the day came aboard off & on  
with the ice the entire day

# Arctic Ocean

Tuesday Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1866

Comes in with calms & thick fog & continues through the day toward the boats & look & <sup>at</sup> ~~expresses~~ have seen no whals to day

Wednesday Aug 15<sup>th</sup>

Thick dense fog & rain during the entire day. wind fresh & veered from E to N

Thursday Aug 16<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light breeze & cloudy 8 am calm & continues through the day. Saw one ship. boiling latter part some snow

Friday Aug 17<sup>th</sup>

Set 71.62 Comes in with light breeze from N with fog & snow  
Lo 162.30 } Am looking for a whale but without success saw one  
latter part thick fog

Saturday Aug 18<sup>th</sup> Comes in with calms with fog & snow & continues through the day. Sailed with the Coho & Coral & John H. ...

Sunday Aug 19<sup>th</sup> Comes in with fresh gales from SE & continues through the day with dense fog

Monday Aug 20<sup>th</sup> Comes in with thick fog & 8 am lighter saw whals & saw one of them taken & J. H. lowered & got one to the main boat being the first one for the season. Took him alongside & cut him in

Monday Aug 21<sup>st</sup> Comes in with strong gales & cloudy 9 am fog & continues through the day. Saw no whals to day.

Tuesday Aug 22<sup>th</sup> Comes in with thick fog & strong gales from NE 9 am fog lighter raised whals toward vessel Boat struck & lost him by parting the line in the ice  
Day ends with thick fog



736, Herby Arctic Ocean

Wednesday Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> 1866

Cornes in with calm thick weather went  
onboard of the Reindeer to get a vote  
for my Chronometer Saw the Elegg Adams  
get a whale 1 P.M. brewed for whales  
& got one to the Starboard boat 5 P.M.  
took him along side & at 10 finished  
cutting weather thick with snow & rain

Thursday Aug 24<sup>th</sup>

Cornes in with light breeze from S.W. with  
L 170 44 thick weather saw a few whales chased with our  
Sag 170 00 Lurep saw several ships take whales  
day ends with fresh gales & fog

~~Friday Aug 25<sup>th</sup>~~ Saturday Aug 25<sup>th</sup>

Cornes in with thick fog & calm  
saw a few whales but none taken  
Capt Homan of the Cor. Huntland came  
onboard & the fog came in so thick that  
he was obliged to stop all night -  
Employed boiling

Sunday Aug 26<sup>th</sup>

Cornes in with calm & thick fog  
& continues through the day

Monday Aug 27<sup>th</sup> Cornes in with  
calm & cloudy with some fog & am brewed  
for whales but there being no wind  
could not strike 3 P.M. brewed again for  
whales & got one to the Starboard boat  
10 P.M. took him along side weather calm  
& snowy

Tuesday Aug 28<sup>th</sup> Cornes in with  
light air & snow squalls 2 finished cutting  
on our whale day ends with light air  
& thick weather never saw no whales to day

Bk Mercur, Arctic Ocean

Lat 70.55 Wednesday August 29th Comes in with  
 Lat 171.55 light air from N & light squalls of snow  
 have seen no whals to day

employes working

Thursday August 30th Comes in with light  
 breezes from N.E & thick hazy weather going with  
 the boat Houlmann Alfred Winslow & Martin  
 heard of the death of my father through a paper  
 published in Riverhead & forwarded to Capt Houlman

Have seen no whals to day Houlman down

Friday Aug 31st Comes in with strong gale  
 from N & cloudy carrying all sail & going  
 for whals have seen none today employes

Lat 70.25

Lat 167.45

waiting out for whals

Saturday Sept 1st

Comes in with strong gale from N.E 9 am down  
 for a whale but he made no chance for striking  
 Saw one other going fast did not down  
 Day ends with thick fog

Sunday Sept 2nd Comes in with light

Lat 70.55

Lat 168.00

from N.E & pleasant Saw four or five  
 with whals going quick to the water  
 thick fog scattering in all round  
 the ship.

Monday Sept 3rd Comes in with light  
 from N.E Haul off to the N. Saw two or three

Lat 70.80

Lat 167.04

whals but going fast Spoke one Houlman  
 waiting & saw one running cutting in ahead  
 weather thick & some fog & snow

Tuesday Sept 4th Comes in with light  
 & light air from N.E 8 am down for  
 whals but saw them no more later  
 light air from E & cloudy

Wednesday Sept 5th Comes in  
 with a mist-gale from N.E & heavy sea  
 several ships inside but have seen no  
 whals today



## V3k Mercury

Thursday Sept 6th 1866

Comes in with some gales from N & thick cloudy weather & some snow & S.M.  
Lat 70.45 Saw a whale going quick to windward  
to 168.14 did not lower for him

Several ships insight but none of them doing any thing - scattering ice to windward  
It begins to look dark about getting any more oil this season

Friday Sept-7th Comes in with strong gales from N & thick weather with snow steering to the eastward in pursuit of whales  
Saw but one & he going fast to windward  
Hept through scattering ice & S.M. made the land off by Cape three miles distant  
our ship & steamed to NW by S blowing heavy  
bl reefed the topsails & put the 1st anchor

on anchor, Sept 6th comes in with some gales from N & thick weather with some snow  
been steering off to the westward all day though the ice has seen our whale Spoke this  
last Howard & Sunday 7th left off on the wind to NW under close reefed main tops  
& sent forward staysail

Saturday Sept 7th Comes in with strong gales from N & thick cold weather with some snow  
Saw several ships but no whales  
gale with the barometer The weather is very rough & the rigging all loaded with ice  
We have no sun not even for observation

Sunday Sept 10th Comes in with strong gales from NE with snow  
Saw a few  
Lat 70.14 with whales chased without success  
to 1090 - very much with fog

Arctic Ocean

Wednesday Sept 12th Comes in with  
Swest gale from N & thick cloudy weather  
we have been working all day to the windward  
under the reef through the ice & seen only one whale  
& he going to the windward like he had been  
Saw the Monticello strike a whale & lose him

Thursday Sept 13

Comes in with gale from N & thick cloudy weather with  
some snow ship under the reef worked through long strips  
of ice saw 5 white Bears toward my boat killed three  
& wounded another badly but could not get him  
Day ends with strong gales

Friday Sept 14th Comes in with fresh  
gales from N & thick snowy weather went to ice &  
main tops have seen no whales to day  
weather thick & cloudy Number of Sails in sight  
but no one whaling

Saturday Sept 15th Comes in with  
calm & cloudy weather & continued through the day  
saw & chased two with whales but without success  
gained with the Edison & let him have some water

Saturday Sept 15th Comes in with  
Strong gales from E & S & with thick cloudy weather  
steered to the northward in the ice for 45 miles  
Saw but one small whale 7 P.M. got out  
of the ice with strong from E & S  
Day ends thick & snow

Sunday Sept 16

Comes in with calm & fog  
Snow falling have seen no signs of whales  
to day with part light breeze from E  
got to from three clear through the ice

Monday Sept 17 Comes in with light

breezes from N & S & continued through the  
day with light squalls of snow & thick weather  
have seen nothing nor no one to day

At 7. 15  
to 16. 30

At 69. 55  
to 166. 57



# Bk Mercure

Tuesday Sept-18th

Comes in with eight firs from N & colms  
 Saw several whales going SW saw them  
 but one rising lowered our boats  
 & went in the ice & got 10 Walrus  
 Day ends cloudy & calm

Wednesday Sept-19th

Comes in with calm & pleasant weather  
 Lat 70.20 Saw two or three whales going fast to  
 Lat 164.59 the Westward to PM fresh gale from S  
 & heavy Day ends with a heavy gale & squalls of snow  
 & name of Jack & wind Sept 20th

Comes in with fresh gale from S & thick  
 Burying cloudy weather Capt. Lockball of Bk.  
 Hellen saw Com on beam for a few minutes  
 Myself & the Mate are both sick & not  
 able to be around have seen no whales today  
 better part calm

Friday Sept-21st Comes in with strong

brigs with some snow have seen a few seals

Lat-70 30 whales today toward one but without success

Lat 167.40 Day ends with strong brigs with thick clouds

Saturday Sept-22th

Lat 70.50 All this day gale from NW & snow storm

Lat 167.45 lying to under close reefs saw nothing today

Sunday Sept-23rd

Comes in with smart gale from NW & very  
 calm with some snow The ships head is  
 loaded down with ice & all the water that  
 comes on deck is in as quick as it strikes  
 weather thick & cloudy

Tuesday Sept-24th Comes in with

more calm & thick snow storm

& better part cloudy but no snow

Have seen no whales to day

to be seen

# Arctic Ocean

Thursday Sept 26<sup>th</sup> Comes in with strong gale from N & cloudy ground with the sunset 6 whales seen another 1 back boiling saw two or three within a mile.

Lat 69.24

Thursday Sept 26 moderate breeze from N & cloudy

Lat 72.133

Saw several whales got one to the tubboon boat & cut him in

Friday Sept 27<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with strong gale from N.W. 7 m

Lat 69.38 Started the works & P.M. blew heavily that we were  
Lat 72.45 obliged to cool down & lay ends with heavy rain from N.W. & bad sea

Friday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
Larfin gale from N.W. boated down the works - a  
frightful blizzard up the main topsail & it was  
so hard & so fearful cold that several of the men  
were badly frozen before we could take care of  
it. Succeeded to keep it from blowing away

Lat 69.00 entirely as there were several ribs in it.

Lat 71.20 The sea was very high & storm the bar boat

But for the violence of the gale the Murray  
makes good weather better part more moderate  
Lat 71.20 The main topsail ship loaded with ice

Saturday Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
very cold weather & smart gale from N.W.  
employed boiling ship under close reef  
topsails frequent squalls of snow through  
the day one man frozen his fingers  
by ends with thick cloudy weather

Sunday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light  
gale from N.W. & thick snow storm 5 then clear

Lat 68.28

The works spoke the 12<sup>th</sup> several 12 m off  
spoke 18<sup>th</sup> John West - & saw him take a  
whale saw 6 few whales come near station  
but did not succeed



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# BB Mercury Arctic Ocean Monday Oct 1st

Comes in with light baffling winds  
& thick snow storm 12 M. fresh gales from  
E 3 PM snow lightens Saw 1 whale low down  
& got near enough to dart but did not fasten  
So goes over luck Employed stowing down  
9 PM finished boiling Day ends with  
gale from SE

No Obs

Tuesday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Comes in with strong  
gales from N with thick snow storm 10 AM  
snow cleared off saw whales low down but  
did not get fast Weather very foggy  
but wind gradually moderating saw  
two ships & one of them took a whale  
better part moderate breeze & squalls of snow

No Obs

Wednesday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>

Comes in with strong gales from N with snow  
have seen & chased several whales but without success  
Saw the John Howland & Julian neither  
of them whaling Thick & snowy weather

No Obs

Thursday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Comes in with strong  
gales & thick snowy weather Got a whale  
to the Larboard boat & cut him in

No Obs

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Strong gales from N & thick  
snowy weather got a whale to the Larboard  
boat & cut him in Second mate badly  
stomach & hurt some & one man hurt

Saturday Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Comes in as above  
Employed clearing up & getting ready for  
Boiling We have so many on the deck that  
that it is hard work for those who are  
well and strong There are two ships  
in sight the John Howland & James Murray  
Day ends with strong gales & frequent  
& heavy squalls of snow

L 168.05

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## Arctic Ocean

Sunday Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Comes in with smart gale from N + ruggid snow thick driving weather spoke & heard the Trident 2 PM put off for Behring Straits John Howland & Jos Maury in company

Monday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light breeze & variable weather cloudy Cape Prince of Wales in sight. Have been all day quite under the weather with a severe pain in my side owing to a fall I got a few days since Capt Whidden of the John Howland come aboard this evening Day ends as above employed boiling

Tuesday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light breeze from all points of the compass steering to SW for the Diomedes Islands employed boiling weather cloudy No observations to be obtained

Wednesday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light baffling winds daylight saw the Diomedes 15 miles dist - Employed boiling & storing down Trident Jos Maury and John Howland in sight Day ends with light breeze & thick clouds

Thursday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Comes in with calm & light airs from all points of the compass sent my boats in to the North head of St Lawrence Bay to load two natives returned 9 PM We have finished boiling & don't know when or shall boil any more have seen three more boats going quick for St Lawrence Bay

Friday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Comes in with calms & light airs from all points of the compass Employed storing down

Drove again North of the Diomedes where the sea weather cloudy & no sight of the land

Saturday Oct 13<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with gale from SE & thick darkness & continues through the day by ice came in close range on opposite side to by & held up to the Diomedes



5th Mercury Arctic Ocean

Sunday Oct 14th

Comes in with strong gale from  
E & S low moderate make all sail  
to ship. Ashore coming up with us just  
W. light breeze & all hauld aboard & the 12th  
E. to come down & the Capt came onboard  
to see how some matter

Weather clear & pleasant from the Bering St.  
20 miles dist.

Sunday Oct 15th

Comes in with light airs from N & S calms  
We have gained 24 miles in the last 24  
hours The Bioneds are now Baring W  
S miles dist & Fairway rock Baring South  
4 miles weather cloudy see all round the  
Bioneds but I think no great quantity  
Day ends calm

Tuesday Oct 16th

Comes in with fresh easterly wind & clearing  
to S & E weather thick with squalls of snow  
W light breeze from E & S. come to 10  
for camp Day ends with thick cloudy  
weather employed making 6 gun by yellow  
ground

Wednesday Oct 17th

Comes in with strong gale from N & S  
I see to have passed the 17th point of  
1162.42 Lawrence Island 5 miles dist

Comes in with strong gale from  
S & E weather thick & cloudy one sail might

Thursday Oct 18th Comes in with  
heavy gale from S & S Midnight-bulld all hands  
to get sail off of the ship. Come down to take up  
Main Sails & here ship to

10 P.M. I have kept off & run under 12 caps &  
Heavy 2860 fmsail Thick snow weather  
by low passed 13th Eagle Lying to  
Day ends with heavy gale from S & S

73<sup>rd</sup> Mercury Kamschatka Sea  
Friday Oct 19<sup>th</sup>

At 39.28 Comes in with light breeze from N. with thick  
to 17430 breezy weather middle light air & heavy swell  
from N & West latter part calm & pleasant

At 66 Saturday Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
light air from S & E down fresh gales & fresh  
light sails 10 fms up & 2 fms down  
& jib. Day ends with gale from S & E thick  
raining weather

At 66 Sunday Oct 21<sup>st</sup> Comes in with  
weather thick & raining still under all sails  
Courses put round E ship heading S & E  
for Compe

At 66 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Comes in with thick rain,  
weather & strong gale from S & E Middle part then  
latter part calm & rising

At 56.16 Tuesday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Comes in with  
to 17230 calm thick raining weather cleared down the  
topsails & courses as the swell is so heavy the sails  
slatter to pieces S. M. light air from S & E  
made all sail. Middle part strong breeze  
latter part the same weather ended  
with light showers

Wednesday Oct 24<sup>th</sup>  
Comes in with fresh breeze from S & E  
stirring S & E for Compe weather cloudy  
& many small rain showers from S & E  
Middle & latter part light breeze

Thursday Oct 25<sup>th</sup>  
Comes in with light air from N & E (wind)  
& S. M. light air from East repair the  
Spunkies - 10 fms blue very 11 fms up & fresh gale from  
11 fms foretop sail & clear up the main fore  
purple gale & ship entering harbor & making at the  
end of 250 Stupas water for hour  
whole ship to N & E Day ends with heavy gale &  
thick rain & calm



13th. Mercury remains within ten  
Merry  
Oct. 28, 83. Friday Oct 26th comes in with  
violent gale from ESE gradually backing  
to S. Middle part blew heavy with high rough  
sea lower part gale from N.

Saturday Oct 27th  
comes in as above but barometer  
rising gradually  
53.15 Middle part blow heavy in squalls but sea  
Long 171.01 more regular wind from N. 6 km kept  
ship off to SE by E & made all sail gale gradually  
abating. Days ends with smart gale from  
N. & W with passing clouds

Sunday Oct 28th Comes in with smart  
gale from N. & W 12 1/2 M made the land  
on the east side of the 72 degree  
at 6 P.M. passed between the Islands of  
Tahiti & Gouarake & now we are again  
in the broad North Pacific again  
Middle & lower part strong breeze from N.W.  
with cloudy weather Ship's running at the  
rate of 1600 strokes of the pump in 24 hours

Monday Oct 29th  
Comes in as above Course SE for camp  
Middle & lower part this same ship making  
1450 strokes in the last 24 hours.

Tuesday Oct 30th  
Comes in with strong gales from N.W.  
with thick cloudy weather & light rain  
middle & lower part moderate breeze & cloudy  
with light rain. Employed scraping coral

Wednesday Oct 31st  
Comes in with moderate breeze from N.W. &  
& cloudy with light sprinkling of rain  
Middle & lower part light breeze from N. &  
cloudy

So far in the NW corner

# 13th Mercury Toward Honolulu

Thursday Nov 1st Comes in with light

Breys from NW stirring SE 1/2 E 1/2 comp

Lat 42.00 Heavy swell running from N

Lo 162.12 Middle & latter part fresh gales from SE with some rain  
Employed repairing Bone. Dry ends with wind from S 1/2 E

Friday Nov 2th Comes in with fresh breeze from E by SE cloudy stirring by the wind heading

Lat 40.30 SE by S per comp Middle part calm latter part

Lo 161.26 light air from SE finisher sweeping out some weather cloudy & some rain.

Saturday Nov 3rd Comes in with light air from SE. N. E. NW stirring SE 1/2 E per comp

Lat 39.28 weather pleasant drier & unbeat fine & meagre

Lo 159.41 Staysails Middle part calm & rising latter part strong breezes from SE & squally

Sunday Nov 4th Comes in with strong gales from SE & S. E. S. E. all took in to fogs. Employed repairing whilst at which was storm in the water by the whole

No Obs

Middle part near calm from SE & light & fresh courses latter part blue haze with squalls of rain fresh foretopsail & close reef main

Monday Nov 5th

Comes in with heavy gale from S 1/2 E all hauls

Lat 36.22 to NW in heavy squall I kept ship off to

Lat 35.12 SE heavy sea running in all directions S. E. all set whole W. sails Middle & latter moderate with squalls of rain & heavy swell

Tuesday Nov 6th Comes in with

Lat 34.22 light breezes from NW & NW with heavy swell

Lo 166.12 & the sails are slatting furiously Middle

latter part the same employed washing one

Wednesday Nov 7th Comes

in with light air from NW & NW stirring

No Obs SE per comp Heavy swell rising from NW

Middle & latter part calm & some rain

finisher was sweeping out some



3<sup>rd</sup> Mercury Toward Honolulu  
Thursday Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 1860

Comes in with calm thick clouds  
Lat 32.45 weather with light sprinkling rain  
Lo 155.23 Middle part thickest light & sails all closed up  
& w/sails on the cap. 6 km light-barges  
from 5 PM better part fresh gales weather  
thick & cloudy with some rain

Friday Nov 8<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
strong breeze from N & some rain employed  
washing ship. Course S by E 1/2 E per compass  
Lat 29.55 under all sail & we now have before prospect  
Lo 155.19 of soon getting in to port. Middle & later part  
strong breeze with frequent squalls

Saturday Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
strong gales from E by S strong S by E 1/2 E per compass  
Employed washing ship & doing nothing  
Lat 24.32 Middle part squalls blow rain harder N & E  
Lo 155.09 ship to E & S & day ends with strong breeze  
& squalls Employed fitting inner job stay

Sunday Nov 11<sup>th</sup>  
Comes in with squalls & light breeze from S & E  
Lat 154 on H. M. bark ship. 7 spoke Bk James Allen since  
Lat 28.06 2 PM rain & wind to N & E 6 km per compass  
to South day ends with fresh gales from E & pleasant

Monday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
fresh gales from E & found with the Jas Allen  
Lat 26.55 3 PM rising in squalls & wind light  
Lo 154.51 Middle part light from S & E latter ship to E  
latter part heading to S & E breeze light & weather  
pleasant

Tuesday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Comes in  
light breeze from S & E latter ship to E & E  
Lat 26.28 Middle & later part light breeze & pleasant  
Lo 155.50 we are here wind bound & nearly calm at times  
& God only knows when we shall get to full wind

Bk. Mercury Windbourne

Wednesday Nov 14th

Comes in with light - southerly winds & sea air.

Lt 25.58 about trying to get in port but it is a hard matter  
to 134.18 for me to get anywhere & I am about discouraged.

Middle & latter part light airs & calm weather very calm  
& pleasant.

Thursday Nov 15th Comes in with

calm & light airs from S & there is no hope of sea this

Lt 23.40 in port as I can see at present.

to 143.45 Middle & latter part calm & pleasant

Friday Nov 16th Comes in as above

Lt 24.30 Middle & latter part light breezes from S & steering

to 134.45 S.W. for camp heavy swell running from S.W.

Saturday Nov 17th Comes in with heavy swell

Lt 23.12 & light airs from S & the sails are getting a benefit & we

to 153.35 mistake Middle & latter part light air from S & S.E.

Sunday Nov 18th Comes in with

light airs from S.E. by S heading S.W. by S for camp.  
No trades & no signs of any but head winds  
continually 12 M signed Mowee & kept off S.W.

Monday Nov 19th Comes in with light air  
from S.E. Middle & latter part calm

Tuesday Nov 20th Comes in calm

We are lying 28 miles from Honolulu &  
cannot get there nor anywhere else & there is  
no signs of wind

Wednesday took light air from S.E. & S.W.  
At the time took us in - but

Thursday Dec 16/66

From the above date to the present  
we have been going in the port of Honolulu  
taking in cargo & getting ready for sea  
I P S to the try hoisted on & tove as out  
side of the reef with light S.E. winds  
we made sail & stood off shore  
by end of calm



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# 736 Mercury Stormward bound

Monday Dec 17th Comes in with light airs from SW & calms weather very warm & pleasant Temp very thermometer right - by the land Middle & latter part - calm

Tuesday Dec 18th comes in with Lat 19 32 Calms & light airs from N Middle Lat 15 40 & latter part light breezes from ENE

Wednesday Dec 19th comes in with fresh breezes from E & S M calm Lat 19 50 Middle part - calm 5 am fresh gales from S 15 20 NE & pleasant - Employed at ship duty - not able

Thursday Dec 20th Comes in with light air from E & Lat 17 35 calm till fresh gales from ESE heading S by compass Lat 15 22 Middle & latter part light breezes from ESE & heavy swell running from NW

Friday Dec 21st

Comes in with light breezes from ENE Steady SE by S by compass Commenced to Lat 15 10 not hole Middle & latter part strong breezes from E by S sent down the main mast repairs & sent it aloft as air

Saturday Dec 22nd

Comes in to above Steady by the wind Lat 12 37 heading S E by compass not hole Lat 15 42 Middle & latter part light breezes & pleasant

Sunday Dec 23rd comes in with Lat 9 50 fresh gales from E heading S E by compass Lat 15 34 Middle & latter part strong breezes

Monday Dec 24th

Lat 1 20 Comes in with strong breezes from Lat 15 39 E & fair weather Middle & latter part fresh gales running - or blackfish without success

Homeward Bound

Tuesday Dec 25th

Comes in with light breeze from E & peeping clouds 6 AM raining middle & latter part rain with strong gales in squalls

Wednesday Dec 26th

Comes in with heavy squalls of rain & rain wind from SE heading S & N  
Lt 3.40 per camp 3. PM split the fly jib & sent to 156.28 it in for repairs. Middle part strong breeze little

Hot & cold / was thus some with fine weather repairing the fly jib

Thursday Dec 27th Comes in with strong breeze

Lt 1.25 from SE 3 PM took a heavy squall split the main to 157.30 to 158.00 sail & bent a new one. Middle & latter part strong gales with peeping clouds

Friday Dec 28th Comes in with strong gales

Lt 1.42 from E & SE with peeping clouds  
Lt 158.05 Middle & latter part strong gales & pleasant employed making a new Gaff topsail

Saturday Dec 29th

Lt 4.38 Comes in as above ship heading S by E per camp  
Lt 158.02 Middle & latter part strong breeze & pleasant Hot & cold

Sunday Dec 30th Comes in with strong

gales from E & fine weather Employed in making to new <sup>upst</sup> mizen staysail Middle & latter part fresh gales & pleasant.  
Lt 7.25 to 157.59

Monday Dec 31st

Comes in with fresh gale from E & Breeze  
Lt 9.01 S by E per camp for the Island of Puerin  
157.58 for Work Middle & latter part moderate with squalls of rain

Tuesday Jan 1/67

Comes in with light breeze from SE & all made Puerin Island bearing 70 10 miles Dist - run off to the north end & to before the night 12 M. made to off Puerin Island three canoes came off broad two boats & over on shore stayed but a few minutes as there was but little trade to be run



# 13th Mercury

Wednesday Jan 2<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fresh gales from  
S E & S M came on board & kept off in  
at 9.35 for Looe & returned 11.10  
Lo 169.08 Middle & latter part light airs from  
S E & pleasant repaired the foremast

Thursday Jan 3<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light airs from S E with  
at 10.30 light squalls of rain course S W for compass  
Lo 169.30 9 AM hauled up to S in clear air returned  
Middle & latter part calm & rain 12 AM pleasant

Friday Jan 4<sup>th</sup>

at 11.20 Comes in with light airs from S E & S M calm  
Lo 169.07 Middle & latter part light airs & calm  
List - made 45 miles

Saturday Jan 5<sup>th</sup> Comes in with

at 12.00 calm & light-airs from N N W & S  
Lo 169.63 Middle part calm latter part light-airs from  
E & pleasant Weather very warm

Sunday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> Comes in with

at 12.30 calm & light-airs from S E repaired & bent  
Lo 158.48 6 Spunkin 11 AM shot middle & latter  
part - light breezes from S E & S

Monday Jan 7<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with calm & light-airs from  
S E & hauled to East Lark several times  
as the wind veered

at 13.44 Middle & latter part calm & God only  
Lo 169.03 knows if I am ever to have any more wind  
I think I have had about my share of this  
kind of weather but there seems to be no limit  
to my land luck

Tuesday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> Comes in

with calm as above, empty in  
at 14.08 repairing sails Middle part light breezes  
Lo 158.14 from S E latter part from S heading  
E S E for compass

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Wednesday Dec 9/67 Comes in with calm weather & Dec only knows when we shall have any more wind for the last week we have had nothing but calms & headwinds & make no progress on our course at all

Middle part calm & then fresh gales from S & S by E heavy rain all day ends rising West hole

Thursday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Comes in with heavy squalls of rain & wind howled to S & E by S & split fly jib sent it in & repair it & bent it again

Friday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Comes in with Middle part calm latter part light airs from S & S by E very heavy swell running from the S & our sails are going to pins rapidly

Saturday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Comes in with calms & light airs & for 10 days we have not gone as far as we could in one & a half with 6 pins fast brags Middle & latter part light airs from S & S by E

Sunday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Comes in with calms & light airs from S & S by E heading S & E per comp Middle & latter part calm West hole employed repairing sails

Monday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Comes in with calm 3 AM light airs from S & S heading S & E per comp 8 AM fresh gales what we have not had before for 10 days Middle & latter part heavy rain & with heaving clouds

Tuesday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Comes in with light cloudy weather 9 AM heavy rain & calm 6 light brags from S & S by E kept off to E & E by S & S by E Middle part squalls & then rain calm from S & S with rain in torrents 12 AM more moderate

Wednesday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Comes in with gales from N & N by E stirring E & S by E per comp Middle part heavy squalls split inner jib latter part more moderate turned out sails & set topgalls



13. i. Mercury Homeward Bound  
Wednesday Jan 16th

Comes in with heavy squalls of rain  
with moderate breezes from NE

No Ob  
Leaving by the wind heading E & ESE  
Middle part squally latter part light  
breezes from NE with thick rainy weather

Thursday Jan 17th Comes in as  
above to the calm & I don't know  
when we shall ever have any more wind

No Ob  
It is felt or clear weather 7 AM calm cleared up & clear  
down all sails 11 light breeze from N middle  
78.00 & latter part this even weather cloudy & light rain.

Le 151. 11  
Friday Jan 18th Comes in with  
light breezes from N heading E & ESE in con-  
weather cloudy with frequent showers  
Made part light breezes & pleasant 1 PM  
Made Santos Island on our weather bow  
5 AM made the Island of Embo & am  
kept off to NE by E

Saturday Jan 19th Comes  
in with pleasant breezes from NNE & SSW  
up with the land bounding my boat to go  
& try to get some wood but did not go  
to the right place went on board & worked  
the ship to windward 9 PM took a heavy  
squall which blew heavy for two hours  
8 AM towed two boats & went on shore  
to procure wood day ends pleasant

Sunday Jan 20th

Comes in with pleasant weather employed  
boating off wood 3 PM heavy rain  
Latter part strong breezes with frequent squalls  
of rain Ship laying off

Monday Jan 21st Strong gales laying off & on  
7 AM went on shore with 4 boats  
for wood got off 6 boats  
day ends pleasant

# Homeward Bound

Tuesday Jan 22<sup>th</sup> comes in with light breezes from W with frequent showers & I M finish up wooding & come on board light airs through the night from S latter part the same. Eneer bearing ESE 8 miles distant

Wednesday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> comes in with light breezes & rain, employment cutting up & stowing away wood

No Obs  
West hole

Middle part strong breezes from NW with squalls & low calm latter part strong gales from S with rain

Thursday Jan 24<sup>th</sup> comes in with strong gales from S & bad sea steering by the wind heading SW by W per compass

No Obs

Middle part strong gales & rain

Friday Jan 25<sup>th</sup> comes in as above  
Lt 20.00 heavy sea & ship pitching heavy frequent heavy squalls  
Lt 15 2.00 middle part calm latter part light airs from NW steering S by E per compass

Saturday Jan 26<sup>th</sup> comes in with light breezes from W Watch employed upon ship  
Lt 22 18 Miz Staysail unbutton fore & mizen top sails  
Lt 15 20 & bent others very heavy swell running from S. Middle & latter part from NW from NW & S

Sunday Jan 27<sup>th</sup> comes in with strong gales from NW & W with peeping clouds  
I M Made the Island of Chetivoe being SE 35 miles distant. Set up with the land & a boat came off from shore little ahead for a few moments & kept on our course  
Lt 23 24 Middle part fresh gales & very swell running from S  
Lt 149 26 10 am inside the Channel of Loubouie being ESE 5 miles distant. Day ends pleasant

Monday Jan 28<sup>th</sup> comes in with moderate breezes from W & pleasant but rain  
Lt 24 22 up with the wind & natives come off in a boat  
Lt 128 00 middle & latter part light breeze with rain wind heading NW by E



The Mercury Homeward bound

Tuesday, Jan 29/37

Comes in with light breeze from  
Lat 26.22 & E 1.00 M. took ship heading to SW  
Lat 149.45 Middle & latter part fresh breeze from SE & ESE  
Employed doing nothing

Wednesday, Jan 30th

Comes in with fresh gales from ESE  
with heavy sea running to SW ship heaving  
No 060  
In comp. pitching very hard  
Middle part strong & even weather short  
& cloudy. Latter part smart gale from  
& thick rain storm. Wet hole

Thursday, Jan 31st

Comes in with gale from E stirring  
SE & under what topsails heavy  
Sea & thick rain storm.  
Middle part squally with lightning & rain  
in torrents 5 Am split inner jib  
Day ends with gale from SE

Friday, Feb 1st Comes in with heavy

gale from SE with frequent sea  
obliged to run the ship off before the wind  
to get sail off of her 8 AM more moderate  
Lat 2 or Lat 34 reefs & jib middle part blue strong  
Lat 146.14 & the morning is taking over a great deal of  
water & the pumps are kept busy  
Day ends more moderate & ship under whole  
tops & courses

Saturday, Feb 2nd Comes in with

strong gales from SE & heavy sea & ship  
Lat 52.50 making a good deal of water - Course SE & E  
Lat 144.53 In comp. Middle part light breeze with  
some wet hole

Sunday, Feb 3rd Comes in as above

Lat 34 or no wind at all. Middle part light breeze  
Lat 143.00 from SE latter part fresh gales from SW  
some rain. Wet hole

# Homeward Bound

Monday Feb 4/69 Comes in with fresh breeze from S W & hazy weather sturging S E per compass

Lat 35.26 Middle part light breeze from S 6 am took shift  
 Lat 142.43 to S W latter part fresh gales from S E with passing clouds Took in the bow boat to repair

Tuesday Feb 5th Comes in with fresh gales from S E & pleasant sturging by the wind

Lat 36.42 Middle S per compass

Lat 142.16 Middle part calm latter part light air from East E & pleasant

Wednesday Feb 6th

Comes in with light air from S E & fine pleasant weather Employed at ship duty

Lat 38.28 Middle & latter part fresh gales from S & pleasant

Lat 140.43 Lost in our fly jibboom & repaired it

Thursday Feb 7th Comes in with fine pleasant

Lat 40.20 weather & fresh gales from S sent out the jibboom

Lat 138.33 Middle part the same & less rain S E end with thick hazy weather Saw the first Albatross Wed hole

Friday Feb 8th Comes in with strong breeze

Lat 41.52 from N W with thick weather Course S E  
 Lat 135.42 per compass Middle part strong gales with rain latter part calm from S W

Saturday Feb 9th Comes in on shore & S M heavy squalls blew the topsails down

Lat 42.24 hauled to S Course E by S per compass

Lat 131.55 Middle & latter part blue haze with high sea & rain & making considerable water The sea

Sunday Feb 10th Comes in with gale from S & high sea Course E per compass The sea & mercury making net work with on deck & below

Lat 43.00 Middle & latter part strong breeze with heavy squalls  
 Lat 128.55 under the jib repaired & hauled the sails down more moderate made all sail

Monday Feb Comes in with moderate breeze

Lat 44.00 from S with heavy swell running on our beam

Lat 126.50 Course E per compass

Lat 126.50 Course E per compass



T. P. Hume's Commodore's journal

Tuesday Feb 12th Comes in with

strong gales from S & E heading E. in eve.

Lat 44.50

We still have a liberal share of head winds

So 122.16

Middle part of the day rather quiet, with  
gales from S steering E & E per compass  
repaired the main sail

Wednesday Feb 13th Comes in

with fresh gales from S & V pleasant

course E & E per compass

No Obs.

Middle part pleasant with part light breezes  
from S & V cloudy. West-Heads

Thursday Feb 14th Comes in

with light breezes from W & W with thick

Lat 47 16

cloudy weather course E & E per compass

So 117

Middle & latter part fresh gales from W & W  
& pleasant unobscured & repaired the fly jib

Friday Feb 15th Comes in as above

weather fine & pleasant course E & S per compass

Lat 48.22

Middle latter part fresh gales from S & V

So 114.13

Middle & latter part exchange signals with  
American bark "Herring" & E

Saturday Feb 16th Comes in

with fresh gales from S & W with

cloudy weather steering E by S 1/2 S

Middle & latter part strong gales from S & W

Lat 49.40

with thick weather Saw a pinback the

So 110.31

first whale seen of my kind & one leaving  
Hence before West-Heads

Sunday Feb 17th Comes in with

Gale from W & some squalls of rain

course E per compass

Middle & latter part gale from W & V light

# 131. Mercury Homeward Bound

Monday Feb 18th Comes in with gale from W & high sea & the Mercury is working off & working down

Lat 51.36 Dicks at a great rate. Course E 1/2 S  
 To 101.00 & hit the main royal. Middle part has smalls  
 latter part more moderate with squalls of rain

Tuesday Feb 19th Comes in with gale from W S W to S W Course E per comp matter  
 equally with rain sent Main royal & repair

Lat 52.30 & sent it aloft again

To 76.29 Middle part blew very with rain wind. & W S W  
 then wind hauled to S W blew very 12 M Sea

Wednesday Feb 20th Comes in with gale from S W with high sea ship running under whole by main

Lat 53.50 & making good weather

To 41.50 Middle & latter part moderate breeze from W S W with frequent squalls of hail & rain less useful  
 swell rocking ship tremendously. Wet here

Thursday Feb 21st Comes in with moderate breeze from W with cloudy weather & heavy swell

Lat 54.16 rearing the ship & she is making some headway

To 86.50 Course E per comp Middle part moderate  
 part gale from S W with thick weather

Friday Feb 22 Comes in with heavy gale from

Lat 55.10 S W with thick weather ship running under whole

To 81.14 Topsails & courses Middle part moderate gale from W rain latter part breeze

Saturday Feb 23rd Comes in with gale from W with fog & rain in squalls Course E by S per comp ship under all sail

70

Obs

Middle & latter part fresh breeze with thick weather & squalls of fog & rain

Sunday Feb 24th Comes in with gales from W Course E per comp weather thick & cloudy Middle & latter part strong gale from W



To the Mercury Homeward Bound  
Monday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>

Comes in with strong gales from W  
with thick fog steering E by N for compass  
under all sail

Middle & latter part light breeze & dense fog  
We could see the length of the ship & knew

Tuesday Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
light breeze from W & NW course E & NE for compass

Fog thicker than a snowdrift & we can  
get no observations

Set in by last 56 - 45  
So 65. 40 Middle & latter part thick fog 12 lighter  
for a few moments saw the sail bound in  
the Westward

Wednesday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Comes in with  
light breeze from W with dense fog course  
Set in by last NE for compass Middle & latter part calm  
56. 10 & light breeze from SE that hole

So 64. 14 Thursday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> Comes in  
with light breeze from SE with thick cloudy  
weather & some rain 3 PM spoke the  
Whisker of St Francisco 73 days from  
Bedford saw 3 other sails  
course NE for compass

At 10 PM Middle & latter part strong gales from E & E  
spoke the French ship Elbrus & Conde  
Weather dark & rainy wind increasing

Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> Comes in  
with smart gale from E & E 4 PM set  
up & furled mainsail & jibs

1. 18 Course SE for compass 7 PM left off to NW by W  
So 62. 40 & look in for light weather thick & rainy  
middle part blew away with rain  
Then fresh on foresail & luffed on the main  
to E & E laboriously but no rain

Homerus Brun

Saturday March 1st Comes in with gale from S E with heavy sea lying to under the reef waiting for a chance to go to the Licklands to get water Middle part blew strong & am in need to S W & moderate course E N E for comp. 9 am view the Jasons Islands Day ends pleasant find my chronometer correct W. I. hole

Sunday March 2nd Comes in with pleasant gales from W S W & W S P M. up with the land toward my boat & went in shore

Lat 14 14 & shot some ducks Saw a small schooner come out from a bay between the Jasons & steered off to the Eastward Middle part rather poor sea & clouds

Monday March 3rd Comes in with fresh gals from W S W with cloudy weather stirring with E breeze Middle part fresh breeze rather pleasant gals from N E & thick evening weather & reef topsails

Tuesday March 4th Comes in with gals from N & fair freshened mainsail & top sails & under jib of all wind hauled to N W & then to Middle part this same latter part strong gals from N & pleasant made all sail 12 M wind from N W

Wednesday March 5th Comes in with strong breeze from N W stirring by the wind head N E for comp. Every appearance of another gale the weather is looking foul Sunset 12 M For the night Middle part blew hard in squalls latter part more moderate but high sea & white clouds

Thursday March 6th Comes in with light breeze from W by N heading N by W for comp. with heavy sea at 10 sunset shortened sail for the night

At 10 Bark in sight on our weather beam & during this same as ourselves Middle part moderate daylight made all sail 7 am in a squall & wind hauled to S W & all hands for the light sails & at 12 noon Day ends squally

Lat 14 14  
Long 38. 1

Obs

Lat 41. 30  
Long 36. 17

Lat 44. 30  
Long 33. 35  
W. I. hole

Lat 43. 38  
Long 32. 44



13k Mercury. Cruising off Rio de Janeiro.  
Friday March 8th

Comes in with fresh gales from SW with frequent squalls steering NW by E for camp

Lat 41.10 Sunset took in courses & jibs & close reefed topsails  
Lo 53 41 Middle part blew heavy in squalls with high sea  
better part more moderate set jibs & courses  
with 12 reef

Saturday March 9th comes in with gale from  
W & NW heading NW to N weather pleasant

Lat 39 12 but high sea. Sunset when heavy fresh  
Lo 54 18 jibs courses & close reefed topsails Middle part strong  
gales better part more moderate made all sail  
W. H. H.

Sunday March 10th Comes in with  
strong breezes from SW & pleasant steering NW  
for camp S. M. calm wisser sperm whales 6 miles  
off so near night did not lower for them  
6 light airs from NW Saw a sail to W windward  
took her to be a whaler. We will try our best to  
keep company with those whales to night

Sunrise & whole part strong breezes with thick haze, weather

Monday March 11th Comes in with thick  
cloudy weather S. M. heavy thunder & lightning  
with rain ship under short sail have seen

Lat 38.44 nothing to day. Middle part light breezes from

Lat 40 8 S. M. better part fresh gales & pleasant E. changed  
signals with a Simon Bark steering to the southward  
have seen nothing to day

Tuesday March 12th Comes in with  
strong gales from S. M. steering N for camp

Lat 37.50 Sunset took in sail

Lo 54 08 Middle part calm better part strong breezes from  
NW with fair weather

Wednesday March 13th Comes in with fresh  
breezes from NW heading NNE for camp

Middle & better part gale from NW & southerly winds place

Cruising off the Rio de la Plata

Lat 36. 88

Long 53. 30

Thursday March 14th Comes in with gale from NW 2 P.M. close reefed the topsails weather clear & pleasant middle part light breeze from NW latter part calm & pleasant

Friday March 15th Comes in with calm & pleasant weather

Lat 36. 30

Long 53. 34

Sat. light air from NW heading W per compass middle part light breeze from NW latter part the same with thick smoky weather

Saturday March 16th Comes in with light breeze from NW & WNW with thick smoky weather

Middle & latter part the same saw 6 sail steering E & 3 others steering to the Southward - West Hole

Sunday March 17th Comes in with light air from NW 2 P.M. from SW steering NE

Lat 34. 04

Long 51. 30

per compass saw 12 sail steering NE middle part calm air from E & latter part fresh gale from E & E saw seven at night steering in opposite directions

Monday March 18th Comes in with fresh gale from E & pleasant shake the English Bark at

Lat 34. 50

Long 49. 57

Capt. of Gunner Bount to Montevideo  
S. P. M. Packet ship to S. E. since part with me  
I am boarded on Italian Bark called the Medola  
60 days from Calcutta Bount to Buenos Ayres  
Day ends with light breeze from N & E

Tuesday March 19th Comes in with light

Lat 34. 56

Long 48. 05

airs from N & E heading E per compass S. P. M. fresh gale  
Middle & latter part fresh gale from N & E saw 6 number  
of sails steering to Westward

Wednesday March 20th

Comes in with fresh gale from N with thick atmosphere steering by the wind heading E to port

Middle part light breeze from N & E were ship to

Lat 34. 15

Long 47. 28

S. P. M. 6 am E & change signals with an  
American Merchant ship 7 am I boarded  
the 33th Tiler Cornell with 6 large & 1 small  
whole along side & all his boats & crew

Let him have a Boat Gun & Blunderbuss  
Day ends calm & rainy 12 M clear up



73 Mercury Cruising for Sperm  
Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> 1867

Lat 34.2 comes in with calm & light airs from SE  
Long 45.59 with cloud weather Middle part sunny  
later part smart gale from E stirring in the  
Eastward weather clearing

Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> comes in with  
Lat 34.00 smart gale from E & breezy weather  
Long 47.06 Cruising on opposite tacks but see nothing  
We come here with great hopes but I fear  
they will be blasted Middle part

Strong breeze latter part thence cloudy & breezy weather

Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> comes in  
with strong breeze from E with breezy weather  
Cruising on opposite tacks but see nothing  
I fear we shall not see any thing more this  
Lat 33.32 cruise we have seen sperm whales once & then  
Long 45.32 we did not get within four or five miles  
of them as it was calm & almost sunset  
Middle & latter part light variable winds &  
light showers

Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
Lat 34.12 light variable winds & showery stirring on opposite  
Long 47.00 tacks but see nothing Middle & latter part light  
breezes from NE & pleasant

Monday March 25<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
Lat 34.04 light breezes from NE & pleasant - have seen  
Long 47.36 nothing today Middle & latter part light breezes from  
NE & E. P. have seen two seals today

Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup> comes in with  
fresh gales from NE with peering clouds  
No Obs. Sunset short and still Middle & latter part strong  
gales from NE with thick darkness

Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> comes in as  
Lat 34.10 above 4 PM calm & light breezes from NW & W  
Long 48.38 Middle & latter part light breezes from NW & clear  
but little

R. B. Hume. Commodore Hume

Thursday March 28th comes in with calm

Lt 33 20 breezes from NW & WNW steering ENE per comp  
to 33. 40. Middle & parts of rain latter part light breezes from  
& pleasant employed repairing ship

Friday March 29th comes in with light breeze  
from N with passing clouds wind gradually hauling  
to NE Middle part light breezes & calm look sudden shift  
of wind to SE & blue strong latter part smart gale &  
heavy rain No Obs

Saturday 30th Comes in with smart gale from NE

Lt 29. 18 steering NE per comp weather thick & rainy Middle  
to 39. 14. part strong gale with thick clouds latter part moderate  
with passing clouds under all sail Not hole

Sunday March 31st comes in with strong  
breezes from S & with passing clouds steering NE

Lt 27 46 per comp beginning to get down to the Island of  
Soy 27 59. Sunday before the change of the moon  
Middle part calm latter part light air from S & S  
some rain 12 pleasant

Monday April 1st comes in with light

Lt 26. 34 air from S & S pleasant steering NE per comp  
to 37. 42 middle & latter part light air from E & seems  
one sail insight

Lt 25. 22 Tuesday April 2th comes in with calm &

Lt 37. 42 pleasant weather sunset light air from E  
refreshment & best to expect

Middle & latter part fresh gales from E & N heading  
NE per comp employed at ship's day

Find the current setting to W by S 23 miles  
per day

Wednesday April 3th

comes in as above heading NE by E per E

Lt 23 22 & make to due N bearing Middle & latter

27. 11 part fresh gales from E heading NE per comp  
that's all



# 136 Mercury Steamers Bound

Thursday April 4th 67

Lat 21.12 Comes in with fresh breezes from E & S  
 Long 36.20 heading NE by N per Comp

Middle & latter part strong breezes & head best land

Friday April 5th Comes in with

strong breezes from E & E by S steering by the wind

Lat 19.06 heading N. & E. & E by N per Comp. Still continues

Long 33.35 to have a strong current setting to NW by W

Middle & latter part light breezes from E & E by S

Current  $1\frac{1}{4}$  knots to NW

Saturday April 6th Comes in with light

breezes from E per N steering by the wind heading

Lat 17.18 N by E & E by S heading NE by N

Long 35.11 Middle & latter part light breezes from E fine

a current setting NW  $1\frac{1}{2}$  knots per hour - Employment

within a down rigging & masting & etc

Sunday April 7th Comes in with

Lat 15.30 light breezes from E & E by S heading NW &

Long 34.50 N & E by N per Comp. Middle & latter part the same

Monday April 8th Comes in as above

weather very warm & pleasant Saw two

Lat 14.22 sails steering to SW Middle & latter

Long 34.27 part light breeze & very warm wind SE

Tuesday April 9th Comes in with

light breezes from SE steering E & E by N per Comp

found strong current at least  $1\frac{1}{2}$  knots

Obs Middle part strong breezes from SE latter part

light breeze thick & rising with frequent squalls

Wednesday April 10th

Comes in as above 2 PM calm & heavy rain

Saw two sails going to Southward

Lat 11.15 S. & strong breezes from E & E by S.

Long 33.00 latter part fresh gales from E & pleasant

Adair in sight steering to the Southward

& 3 others going the opposite way

West of Cape

Homeward Bound

Thursday April 11th/6

Lat 8 30 Comes in with fresh gales from ESE & pleasant  
Long 32 23 Course SE by S for Comp. Employed rettining down  
the rigging Middle & better fresh breezes & pleasant  
Employed Rettining down

Friday April 12th Comes in with fresh  
gales from E by S steering NNE for Comp. weather  
Lat 6 25 very warm & pleasant Middle & better weather  
Long 33.41 calm & pleasant Saw 6 steamers going to S  
one sail steering thence as ourselves Employed  
Rettining down

Saturday April 13th Comes in as above  
Lat 4.50 6 AM light airs from S with rain Middle & better  
Long 32.25 just light breezes with frequent showers

Sunday April 14th Comes in with  
light breezes from SE 2 PM Made the Island of  
Ferdinand known bearing N 77 47 Miles dist  
Get up the chains & clear away the anchors  
12 PM hove to by light kept off with light  
breezes from SE & at 11 Come to anchor off the  
Coast

Saturday April 20th

From the Above date to the present we have  
been lying at anchor painting ship & getting

Lat 2 10 weather A PM took our anchor & put to  
Long 33. 26 Sea with light airs from ESE steering  
N 77 for Comp Middle & better part fine  
gales from SE

Sunday April 21st Comes in as above  
Course N 10 by 70 for Comp fine weather  
here Employed rettining down to finish rigging  
Middle with fresh better breezes & rain to the

Monday April 22th Comes in with  
Lat 1 30 fresh gales from SE with some rain  
Long 38 33 warm & uncomfortable Middle part fine  
with some rain better weather to the  
SE & clouds



Yk Mercury Homeward Bound  
Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Comes in with light breeze from SE with  
Lat 00 00 cloudy weather - comes at 11 by 1/2 N per compass  
Long 39 33 Some light showers Middle & latter part  
light breeze with frequent showers

Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light breeze from E & some  
to 060 showers comes at 11 by 1/2 N per compass  
Lat in 1st course to be surprised The weather is very warm  
x 1.25 N Middle & latter part light breeze with thick  
on 40.40 rainy weather En. in a squally breeze - 1st part  
they sail & nothing here

Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> Comes in with

thick rainy weather & light breeze from  
Lat 1 03 SE to E & SE comes at 11 by 1/2 N per compass  
Long 40.55 Light breeze in calm state - 1st part  
the cap. in second calm & rain - 2nd part all sail  
with 1/2 N breeze from N

Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> Comes in with calm

Lat in 1st & pleasant weather Light breeze from SE Middle  
2 2.35 part calm latter part light breeze from SE to N  
Long 41.16 Cloudy with light showers No 060

Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> Comes in with

light breeze from SE steering NW by N 1/2 N per compass  
Lat 2 00 1st part fresh gales & cloudy Caught 6 fine lot of  
Long 42 08 Albicore Middle & latter part light breeze from SE  
& E with light showers Wet hole

Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> Comes in with

calm weather & hot enough to cook Kippers  
Lat 4 30 Middle & latter part light breeze from SE  
Long 43 30 with passing clouds

Monday April 29<sup>th</sup> Comes in with

at 2 1/2 N fresh gales with light showers  
No 060 6 N strong breeze from SE  
Middle & latter part fresh gales with rain

13th Mercury 1 Come worn Round

Tuesday April 30th Comes in with light

Lt 8. 04

airs from SE with thick rainy weather

Log 46.48

Staring NW by N 1/2 N per Comp

Middle & latter part strong breeze with frequent showers

Wednesday May 1st Comes in with

strong gales with peeping clouds wind SE

Lt 10 55

Course NW by N 1/2 N per Comp

Log 48 37

Middle & latter part strong gales with peeping clouds employed fitting rigging & welling to the

Thursday May 2nd Comes in with

strong breezes from SE with smooth sea &

Lt 13 15

the Mercury is going off like a deer hoarse

Log 50 23

Middle & latter part light breezes saw a Bark steering to the Westward

Friday May 3rd Comes in with light

breezes from ESE with peeping clouds Comes

NW by N per Comp Employed taring down

Lt 14 50

Rigging Middle part strong breezes latter part

Log 51 50

light from SE daylight raised two whales

9 come up with them proven to be the  
Gov Carver May 3500 fathoms & broke Cape 75 fathoms all day

Saturday May 4th Comes in

Lt 16 20

with light airs from ESE & pleasant

Log 53 06

Staring NW by N 1/2 N per Comp

Middle & latter part fresh Breeze from E

Sunday May 5th Comes in

with light breezes from SE & pleasant

Lt 17 35

Staring NW 1/2 N per Comp

Log 54.39

Middle & latter part strong breezes from

SE with peeping clouds

Monday May 6th Comes in with

fresh breezes from SE with peeping clouds

Lt 19 12

Staring NW by Comp

Log 56.55

Middle & latter part strong breezes from SE

with cloudy weather



B. Mercury's Comewen Down

Lat 20.10  
Long 57.50

Tuesday May 7th/67 comes in with fresh breezes from SE with passing clouds Employed Larring down rigging Middle & latter part calm & light air from NW

Wednesday May 8th comes in with light air from NW heading NW & dusk 1.30 Raised sperm Whales lower three boats & got one to each boat went back them along side & secured & prepared for cutting Middle part calm 3 hrs calm all hands & commenced cutting 12 M finished All these 24 hours calm

Lat 19 56 Long 57.45

Lat 20 14  
Long 58 11

Thursday May 9th comes in with calm weather & pleasant Employed clearing away heads & getting ready for boiling Middle & latter part light air from NE & pleasant

Fixed to strong current setting to SW

Lat 21 30  
Long 59 42

Friday May 10th comes in with light air from NE steering NW for Compost Employed boiling Middle & latter part moderate breezes from NE & E Employed boiling

Lat 21.50  
Long 61.22

Saturday May 11th comes in with light breezes from NE & NW steering NW for Compost Saw a Schooner back steering to SE & M finished boiling Middle part fresh breezes other part light

Lat 22 50  
Long 62 28

Sunday May 12th comes in with light air from NE & pleasant but strong indications of being Middle & latter part fresh gales from NE 2 sails in sight steering thereon as ours does Fine & 2 knots current setting SW

# Homeward Bound

Monday May 13th Comes in with fast gale

Lat 25.16 from N E Steering N 78 by N 1/2 N for Comp.

Long 64.38 Middle part light breeze latter part calm

Tuesday May 14th Comes in with light air

Lat 26.40 from N E Steering N 78 for Comp.

Long 65.42 Middle part fast gales latter part light breeze with passing clouds

Wednesday May 15th Comes in as above  
Slowed down 33 Bbls Sperm Oil

Lat 27.46 Course N 78 by N 1/2 N for Comp.

Long 66.46 Middle & latter part light air from N & N W  
Employed baring down & wetting hole

Thursday May 16th Comes in with fast  
breeze from N W Steering N 78 by N 1/2 N for Comp.

Lat 29.52 Middle part strong breeze from N W Steering N 78 latter part

Long 67.13 light air from N by N Employed baring down & lugging

Friday May 17th Comes in with light air  
from N N W S Bbls calm & light air from N W  
Ship to N N W weather pleasant

all that 24 hours Calm Picked up 6 bag  
yellow pine square stick of timber

John Latis Seaman fell from aloft & his  
his skull badly fractured but seems to be doing  
well at present

Saturday 18th Comes in

Lat 30.04 all these 24 hours Calm & sails rise & set

Long 68.00 Sent a boat on board of a beautiful sea horse  
which proved to be the Big I G Clark Tugboat  
8 days from N York

Sunday May 19th Comes in with  
light air from N W Steering N 78 by N 1/2 N for Comp.

Lat 30.46 S Bbls Calm Middle & latter part light breeze

Long 68.28 from N & N N E

Monday May 20th Comes in with light air

Lat 31.12 from N & pleasant Middle & latter part Calm

Long 69.11 & pleasant



Tuesday Mar 21 - 1 1867

Comes in with light airs from S during  
Lat 33.00 N N W for comp the full sized ship during  
Long 72.21 N W by N with no topmast

Middle & latter part fresh gales from S S W  
Course to 70 by N for comp

Wednesday May 22<sup>th</sup> Comes in  
with fresh breezes from S S W steering  
N N W by N from S East Current to the East

Lat 33.44 N N W from gales

Long 72.05 Middle part blue haze with band seen  
latter part more moderate with rain in squalls

Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> Comes in with  
light gale from S W with hazy clouds  
3:50 P M wind hauled to S W & moderate

Lat 37.00 two sails in sight steering the same as in 1867

Long 71.43 Middle part calm latter part fresh gales from  
N W heading N N E for comp

Friday Mar 24<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fresh gales from N N E & S W  
from N N W to N W steering N by W for comp

Lat 39.30 ~~with~~ pleasant weather

Long 71.24 Middle part strong breeze from N N W latter  
part fresh breeze from S W heading N N E for comp

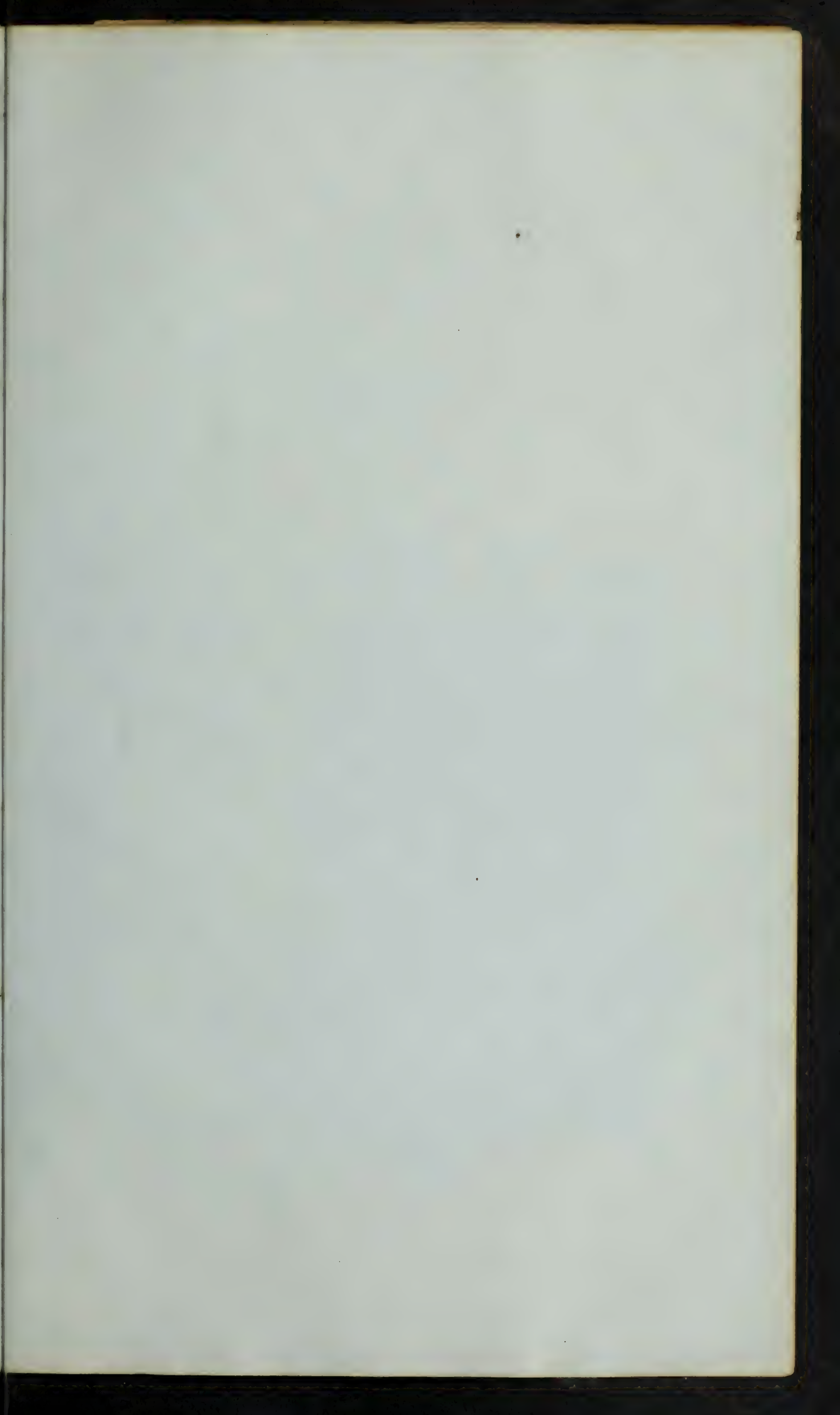
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Comes in with fresh breeze from N N W  
heading N for comp

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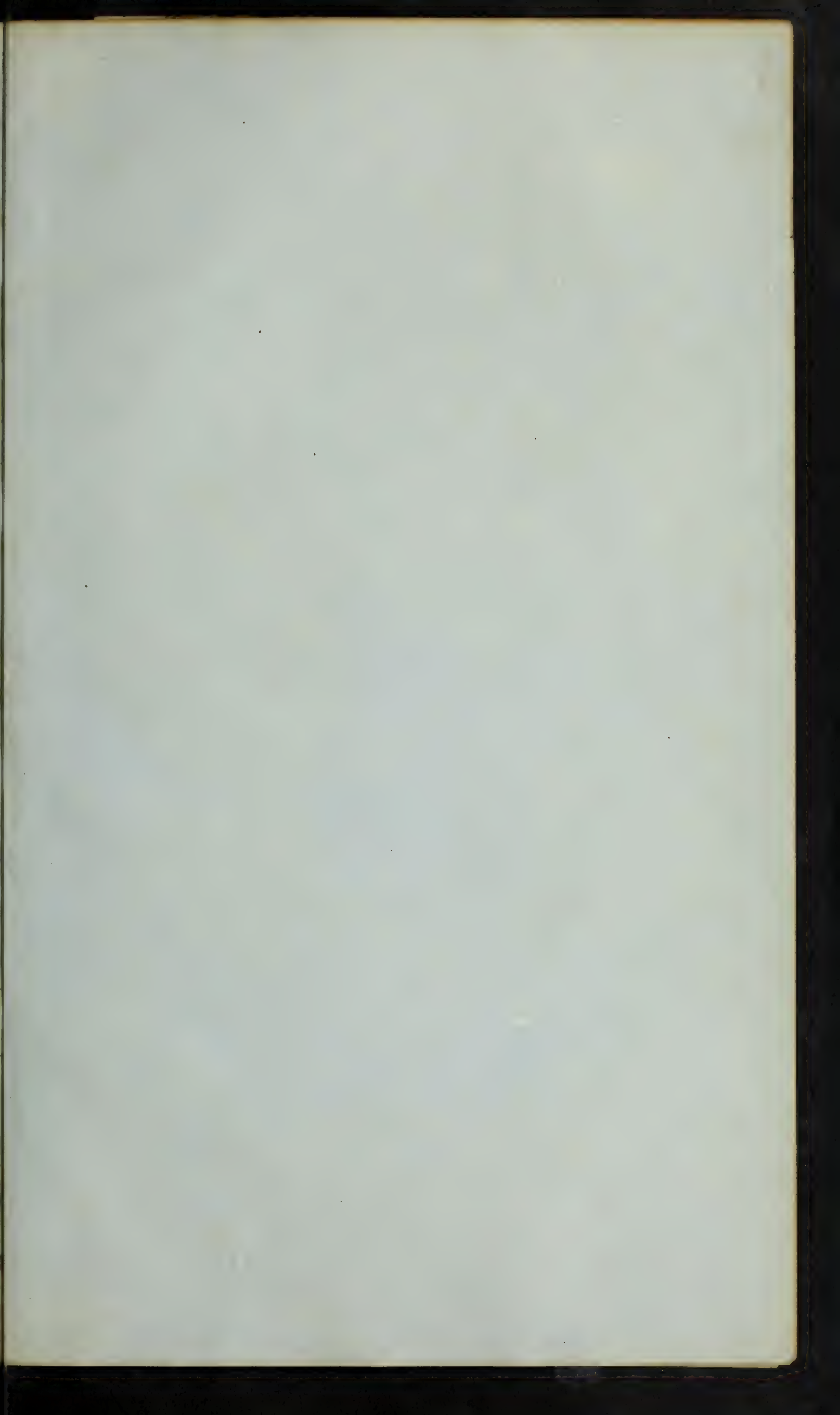


Sept- 29<sup>th</sup> June 23/64 4 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 21 Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 1<sup>st</sup>

Stone down	Stone down	Stone down	250	200	110
75-	159	175-	170	111	
76	210	168	120	130	
77	130	142	110	149	
78	210	137	110	200	
154	70	150	120	137	
157	70	246	124	220	
155-	160	150	120	280	
158	70	160	110	170	
212	150	150	110	220	
202	210	Sept 24	180	150	
200	200	150	240	190	
70	240	80	180	130	
200	170	80	200	110	
200	210	80	150	100	
221	217	80	250	96	
200	187	80	260	230 <sup>Oct 4<sup>th</sup></sup>	
200	246 <sup>1919</sup>	150	150	230	
230	Sept 21	150	140	240	
260	210	150	160	230	
248	210	83	130	100	
160	210	77	150	240	
250	210	78	140	230	
160	150	219	130	212	
160	150	217	155-	230	
160	150	219	130	250	
160	150	215-	180	240 <sup>1912</sup>	
160	75-	260	180		
130	76	170			
160	77	200			
160	78	200			
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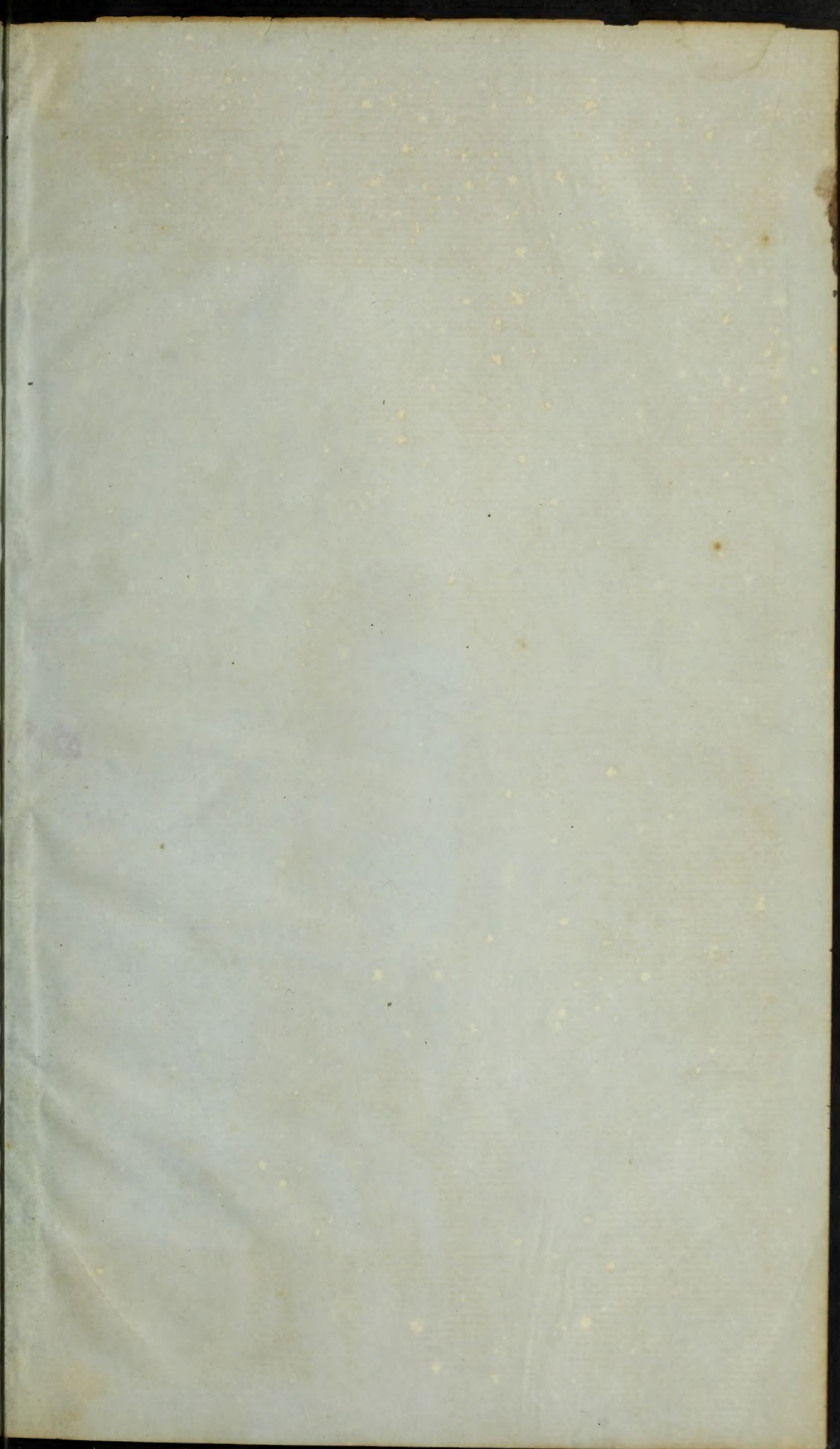


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Right whales in the Eastern Sea

Lat 51.25  
Long 126 East

11-22  
10-12  
55

540  
120  
600  
140  
680

30-13  
59-47  
1-15  
70-44

